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BRIAN Talbot, goalscoring hero of Arsenal's F.A. Cup triumph over Manchester United last May, returns to Wembley for the Charity Shield match against Liverpool with a mission. He wants to wipe out a year-old memory which has haunted him since he was a member of the Ipswich side thrashed 5-0 by Nottingham Forest in the 1978 Shield Final.

"To be honest, we were humiliated that day — and it has rankled with me ever since," he says. "I was glad to hear the final whistle, because everybody on the Ipswich side was wondering how many more Forest were going to score."

"They were a different class to us, but to be fair to Ipswich, there were a lot of inexperienced youngsters playing that day."

"Five of the side which had won the F.A. Cup were missing for the Charity Shield game. It couldn't really be called the Ipswich first team. But, I'm not taking anything away from Brian Clough's men. They played brilliantly."

Talbot, who was transferred from Ipswich to Arsenal in January, 1979 for £450,000, knows he faces an equally daunting task in attempting to halt the incredible march of League Champions Liverpool, on Saturday, August 11.

"At the moment the Merseysiders are the best team in the country. Perhaps we can catch them cold, though there is not much chance of that. They are like a machine. When they don't win, they draw. They never seem to lose."

"So this is a perfect match to

In the last three years Liverpool have been involved in European Cup, F.A. Cup and League Cup Finals and enough vital League matches to last most players a lifetime.

So perhaps Ray Kennedy could be forgiven for viewing this year's Charity Shield match against Arsenal in a lighter vein than many of his recent matches.

But such is the insatiable appetite of the Liverpool players for continued success, Kennedy is determined to help The Reds to victory over his former club.

"I have already played in two Charity Shield games with Liverpool, and everybody looks forward to them," he says.

"Playing a showpiece game at Wembley is an ideal start to the season. Although we would prefer to be there at the end of the season for the F.A. Cup Final, next May, at least we can say we have been to Wembley this season if we don't make it later on."

"With two such established clubs as ourselves and Arsenal it is sure to be very close. I am sure it will be a good game because everybody will be enjoying the great atmosphere without feeling the pressures of playing for big stakes."

But although Kennedy is confident Liverpool can break their low-scoring tradition in Charity Shield games, he still has healthy respect for the club he left for Anfield in 1974.

Top scorer with 27 at Highbury during their League and F.A. Cup Double season of 1970-71, Kennedy now regards Arsenal as the

'We can more than match Liverpool'

— BRIAN TALBOT
(Arsenal)



Brian Talbot (Arsenal) can't believe it as Arsenal have just scored a last minute winner.

Alan Sunderland (number 8) against Manchester United in last season's F.A. Cup.

gauge Arsenal's strength. People say the Charity Shield is just a training run-out before the serious business of the League, but I can assure you nobody at Arsenal is treating it lightly.

"In fact there is a lot of jostling for places. John Devine is fit again after a long injury, and John Hollins' arrival has increased competition for places.

"So everyone is flat out to put in good performances, and what could be better than a victory over Liverpool?

"At Highbury we have the makings of a really good side, and if we can keep all our top class players

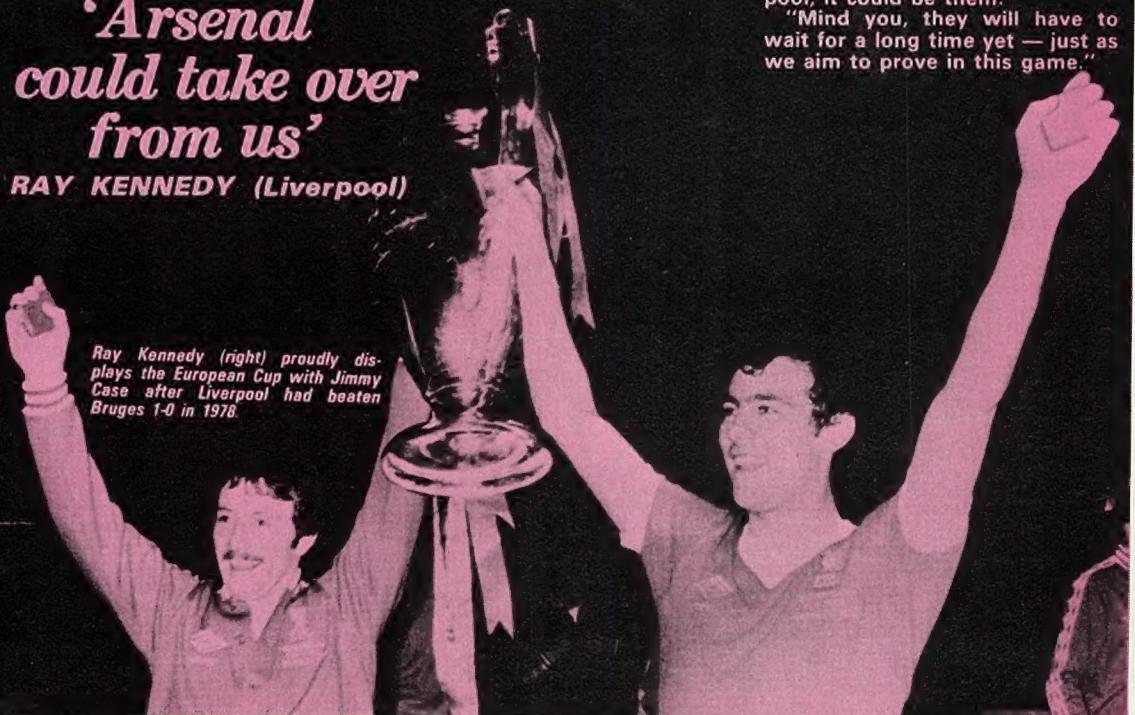
and avoid injuries, we will be challenging Liverpool this season.

"I left a top class club when I came to London in January. Ipswich are a great little club. Arsenal are a great big club. I moved because I was ambitious to win further honours. So it was terrific to start off my new career with a second F.A. Cup Final win, in two successive seasons.

"Liverpool will be a formidable task but if we play to the peak of our abilities we can more than match them."

'Arsenal could take over from us'

RAY KENNEDY (Liverpool)



Ray Kennedy (right) proudly displays the European Cup with Jimmy Case after Liverpool had beaten Bruges 1-0 in 1978.

top. They are a very consistent team. They and Nottingham Forest, always give Liverpool our hardest games.

"Like ourselves they keep adding new players to their side. Bob Paisley has just signed Avi Cohen and Frank McGarvey, and this is the secret behind our success.

"We have a very large first team

squad, so you can never afford to relax. You know that one bad game and there is somebody waiting in the wings to take over.

"It will be nice to see my old team-mates Pat Rice and Sammy Nelson again, but I won't be out to give them an easy time, and I don't expect they will help me either!

"Arsenal have a very young side. If any team takes over from Liverpool, it could be them.

"Mind you, they will have to wait for a long time yet — just as we aim to prove in this game."



Ipswich's Paul Mariner (right) beats former Nottingham Forest midfield player Archie Gemmill in last season's Final. Forest won 5-0.

A pointer to the season's form

THERE was a time when the season's curtain raiser, the F.A. Charity Shield, tended to be the sort of happy-go-lucky affair its name suggests.

Manchester United won the first Charity Shield in 1908 by four goals to nil after a 1-1 draw. Three years later they slaughtered Swindon Town 8-4 and two years after that in a variation the Professionals beat the Amateurs 7-2.

During the Fifties teams were almost obliged to score four goals in the Charity Shield — it happened five times — and in the Sixties Tottenham Hotspur hit five against Ipswich and Manchester City six v. West Brom.

Yet until Nottingham Forest's nap hand at the expense of Ipswich Town last year the Seventies had barely been as productive.

In fact, the preceding eight Finals had produced a mere 11 goals.

And it's unlikely that Arsenal and Liverpool, this year's protagonists at Wembley, will match Forest's fire of a year ago.

Liverpool never give anything away, and an Arsenal defence including Pat Jennings and David O'Leary is equally unlikely to be charitable.

The record from matches between the two in recent years also gives an indication that goalscoring is likely to be on the meagre side.

In last season's League meeting Arsenal triumphed thanks to a close-range David Price effort at Highbury, but the League Champions took two easy points at Anfield through goals by Jimmy Case, Kenny Dalglish and Terry McDermott.

Liverpool haven't always been so fortunate in previous meetings with The Gunners, however. Indeed there was a time when they were regarded as something of a bogey side for The Reds.

Ironically, it was a goal by Ray Kennedy, since a very vital member of the Liverpool midfield, which won Arsenal a game at Anfield in 1974, and handed the

Championship to Leeds United.

A year earlier Arsenal had won even more convincingly on their own rival's generally forbidden territory, with goals from Alan Ball and John Radford.

At least Liverpool avoided a rare double by taking a point from Highbury in a goalless draw — and there have been several of those between the clubs down the years.

There was another in the League at Highbury the season before last and when the teams clashed again in the Semi-Finals of the League Cup a few months later, Liverpool repeated the act to earn their place at Wembley.

There are one or two new faces around as a rule when it comes to the Charity Shield and clubs use the game as a barometer for the coming season.

A good performance here sets the tone for the coming weeks. A disappointing one like the humiliation suffered by Ipswich last season generally means some re-thinking and it was a long time before the East Anglians settled into their usual rhythm.

This year Liverpool will be keen to see how £300,000 signing Frank McGarvey from St. Mirren fares alongside ace poachers Kenny Dalglish, while Arsenal can give a debut to the reliable John Hollins, bought for £75,000 from Queens Park Rangers.

A good game in prospect but don't expect too many goals.

LIVERPOOL will start favourites. They have the chance of providing the 26th instance of the Football League Champions defeating the F.A. Cup winners in 37 matches between the top clubs of the previous season.

But Arsenal hold the overall record of eight wins, seven as Champions. They are one of only five clubs to have won the Shield as Cup holders (1930), the others being Sheff Wed. (1935), Bolton (1958), Spurs (1962) and Liverpool (1974).

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This week's Star Letter comes from Richard Morris of Newcastle in Staffs, who wins our new Special Prize of £5. He writes:

OVER-RATED ENGLAND

I AM writing this letter after reading your report on the England tour of Bulgaria, Sweden and Austria. It is about time someone told the truth about the England team.

I was extremely baffled at how you could possibly say that Trevor Cherry (right) played well in Stockholm. When I first saw Cherry play, in Huddersfield's side of 1971, I thought: 'I hope he never plays for Stoke or England.' I believe Leeds paid £100,000, what for?

You said that David Watson is a world-class defender, I disagree. He is a very good player when he is in the opposing goal-area, but not in his own. Watson was originally a centre-forward; if he had stayed there he could be wearing England's number nine shirt.

I do agree that Peter Barnes is consistent. I agree he is more so for club than country. It is a long time since I have seen a more consistently pathetic left-winger playing for England.

I do not find it difficult to find something to say about Tony Currie like you did. From when I first saw him play many years ago, I thought he was average and I could not understand what all the fuss about this young man was; I still cannot.

You said that Currie had never played a really good game for England, so why didn't you just say he was another player who found a large gap between club and country football? Against Sweden I only saw Currie run for more than ten yards once during the whole match. For the first few minutes of the second-half I hardly saw him move from a spot several yards inside his own half.

Why doesn't Frank Worthington get another chance to play for England? Why doesn't Kevin Beattie play any more for his country? Why is Brian Talbot consistently overlooked, as are Irving Nattrass, Dave Armstrong and John Richards?

I think Ron Greenwood ought to be told there is a piece of land between Watford and Manchester. It is called the Midlands. It is about time more players from this region were given a chance to play in the full team. In the past this area has been severely neglected by managers, let's hope that Ron Greenwood watches some teams from the Midlands before he makes the same mistake as previous bosses.

Alas, Jimmy Greenhoff, Denis Smith, Ken Hibbitt and Dennis Mortimer, to name but four, will never get a chance to play for England due to managers watching London clubs, who, since 1970-

71 season, have only won one Championship, three F.A. Cups, one League Cup, no European Cup, one U.E.F.A. Cup and one Cup-Winners' Cup.

● Considering England have been one of the most successful teams in Europe over the past year, you are being over-critical. The side is not yet great, but it is a very good one and as for some of the players you advocate . . . well, with all due respect, they're not really England class.



Thanks, Norm

WOULD like to thank Norman Hunter for all he has done at Bristol City. During his two-and-a-half years at Ashton Gate. He gave everything and we shall certainly miss his special greeting as he came on the field.

The Barnsley fans will have a treat next season. Thanks a million, Norm.

S. BARKER,
BRISTOL.

● I'm not sure if Third Division forwards will have much of a treat, though!

Give Bob A Chance

BING an Everton and Bob Latchford fan, I'd like to see people giving Latchy a chance. I didn't hear anyone criticising him when he scored 30 League goals in 1977/78. Perhaps he set himself a standard, but no player can be expected to score that many each season.

M. HIGGINS,
LIVERPOOL.

● Bob does a good job taking defenders away and creating space for others, but unless a striker is scoring goals, he's bound to be criticised.

APEARING in the Charity Shield at Wembley is a marvellous way to start a new season. Although we're playing for a highly-desirable trophy, we haven't had to slog through a series of demanding Cup ties, suffer the big build-up in the week before and the near-intolerable pressure it brings.

It's an occasion all the players — winners and losers — can enjoy before we embark on the serious business of the next campaign.

Both Liverpool and Arsenal will be treating the game as a last chance to get their players match fit and to iron out any flaws in the teamwork.

So there'll be no tears from the losers or haggard looks on the faces of their manager and his staff, unless perhaps they suffer the sort of thrashing that Nottingham Forest dealt out to Ipswich last year. Forest won 5-0, a remarkable score in the Charity Shield these days.

For the event has only been staged at Wembley since 1974. Previously it was played on club grounds, and not always between the League Champions and F.A. Cup winners.

I can recall that after Arsenal did the double in 1971, beating Liverpool by 2-1 after extra-time, the London club had to decline the F.A.'s invitation for some reason or another and we, as League runners-up, played Leicester City, the Second Division Champions, at Filbert Street and lost 1-0.

Since the switch to Wembley,

clubs regard the F.A.'s offer as one they can't refuse and view the game in a very different light. I think I'm right in stating, though, that so far there hasn't been a sell-out. But this year, with the North v South element introduced, there could well be a capacity crowd, and the atmosphere will be like an F.A. Cup Final.

I've appeared in several Charity Shield games with Liverpool, the most memorable of which is the one in which we beat Leeds United, marred by the sending-off of Kevin Keegan and Billy Bremner for fighting.

Both were charged with bringing the game into disrepute, fined, and suspended for several League games.

Another unique aspect of the game was that it ended in a draw and was decided by penalty-kicks. After the first five of each team had scored, Leeds' goalkeeper David Harvey, seeing that the remaining members of his side were undecided who was to take the next kick, took it upon himself to step forward.

I doubt if he'll volunteer for the job again. He swept the ball over the bar (above right).

Our Ian Callaghan made no mistake against David!

Liverpool's last appearance in the season's curtain-raiser, in 1977 against Manchester United, who had beaten us in the Cup Final and deprived us of a fantastic treble, also ended in a draw. That time, however, the F.A. had decided to



abandon the penalty-taking, and each club held the trophy for six months.

Incidentally, it was in that match Kenny Dalglish, signed from Celtic for a record £440,000, made his debut for us in England, and in the first-half showed all his sharpness. Like the rest of the players, he faded down as a hot, sunny afternoon wore us down.

On his last appearance at Wembley for Liverpool, Kenny scored the goal against Bruges that enabled us to become the first British club to retain the coveted European Cup. He's proved an able replacement

for Kevin. In fact, in at least one respect he has outstripped his predecessor, by becoming the only man to have been voted Most Exciting Player of the Year three times by the readers of SHOOT. Kevin won the trophy once!

Although, as I stated earlier, the Charity Shield is not taken as seriously as other games at Wembley when a trophy is at stake, the regional rivalry and the fact that Liverpool are always extra-motivated when we meet Arsenal will introduce a competitive "bite".

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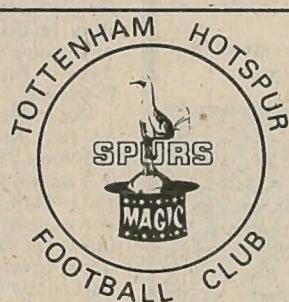
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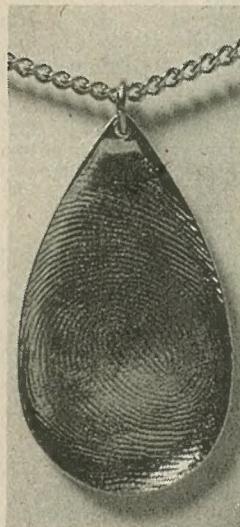
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penalty-kicks'

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met Arsenal at
Wembley . . .'

Liverpool are out to avenge their 2-1
defeat of 1971!



themselves as our bogey side, and for three years on the trot took points away from Anfield.

Basically a young side now, they have lacked the experience to seriously challenge in the League, and shown up better in Cup competitions, where a short burst of form over six or seven games can pay off.

Last season, their favourable draws seemed to justify their tag of "Lucky Arsenal". They struggled to dispose of Third Division Sheffield Wednesday, taking five games.

Their Final against Manchester United will go down in history for its incredible finish, when United amazingly levelled the score, only to lose to a Liam Brady inspired goal scored by Alan Sunderland with only seconds to go.

This season I expect manager Terry Neill and his assistant Don Howe to strive for the greater consistency which will enable The Gunners to bid for the Championship, which they've not won since 1971.

* They have some impressive talent in their line-up, headed by David O'Leary, the Irish central defender. It may surprise you I rank David so highly, yet now that Dave Watson has "emigrated" to West Germany, to join Kevin in the West German Bundesliga, he is the best centre-half in Britain.

For me, he doesn't appear to possess a single weakness. Superb

defence, as he demonstrated in the F.A. Cup Final when all three Arsenal goals resulted from moves started by him.

As a goalkeeper I make a special study of strikers, so I am able to appreciate the huge contribution to Arsenal made by Alan Sunderland and Frank Stapleton. As their club plays a rigid 4-4-2, they are called upon to work non-stop for 90 minutes every game, and they never shirk.

Of the two, Alan is the better finisher, as he demonstrated last season when he scored several really spectacular goals. One that immediately comes to mind is the second of the two he scored against Southampton, in an F.A. Cup Quarter-Final replay, when 25 yards out he swivelled, beat an opponent, and hit the ball with the outside of his foot into the top right-hand corner of the goal.

Of course, I must include the evergreen Pat Jennings amongst my selection, for his presence in goal instils confidence into the youngsters in front of him. A bargain buy, at £40,000 from Spurs, he has repaid that figure many-fold with his high level of consistency, and always makes the difficult things look easy.

Despite all the transfer talk concerning Arsenal in the close season — at one time they were rumoured to be buying Johan Neeskens from Barcelona — the only player they've bought in has been John Hollins, from Q.P.R. for £75,000.

Condition

I've known John since his Chelsea days. He's a fine player who keeps himself in tip-top condition, and has never let his club down. It's a pity he has only one England cap to his name.

However, I doubt if he'll be playing at Wembley for, like Liverpool, Arsenal will probably field the team with which they ended last season. It's a policy our boss, Bob Paisley, has always followed whenever possible: a reward for last season's efforts.

Unless someone is injured on our pre-season tour, our new boys, Frank McGarvey and Avi Cohen, will start on the bench at Wembley.

So we're all set for a game which should prove enjoyable for players and spectators alike. If you're not able to actually get to Wembley, no doubt you'll watch it on television.

Before I close, I'd like to give a big thank you to all those people in Norway who made me so welcome during my two-week stay there, when Emlyn Hughes and I participated in a coaching course for youngsters.

And special thanks to Ron Meades, an English coach based in Oslo, for all the help he gave to us.

Till next week then, when I'll be talking about Liverpool's aims and objects in the new season.

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CRYSTAL P.	DARLINGTON
Everton	DEPTFORD
Derby County	EVERTON
DERBY	FARNSWELL
FOOTBALL LEAGUE	LEEDS
GATESHEAD	GLASGOW CELTIC
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MARSHFIELD	MANCHESTER C.
MATLOCK	MANCHESTER U.
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MONTGOMERY	TOTTENHAM
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PROGRESS CHART

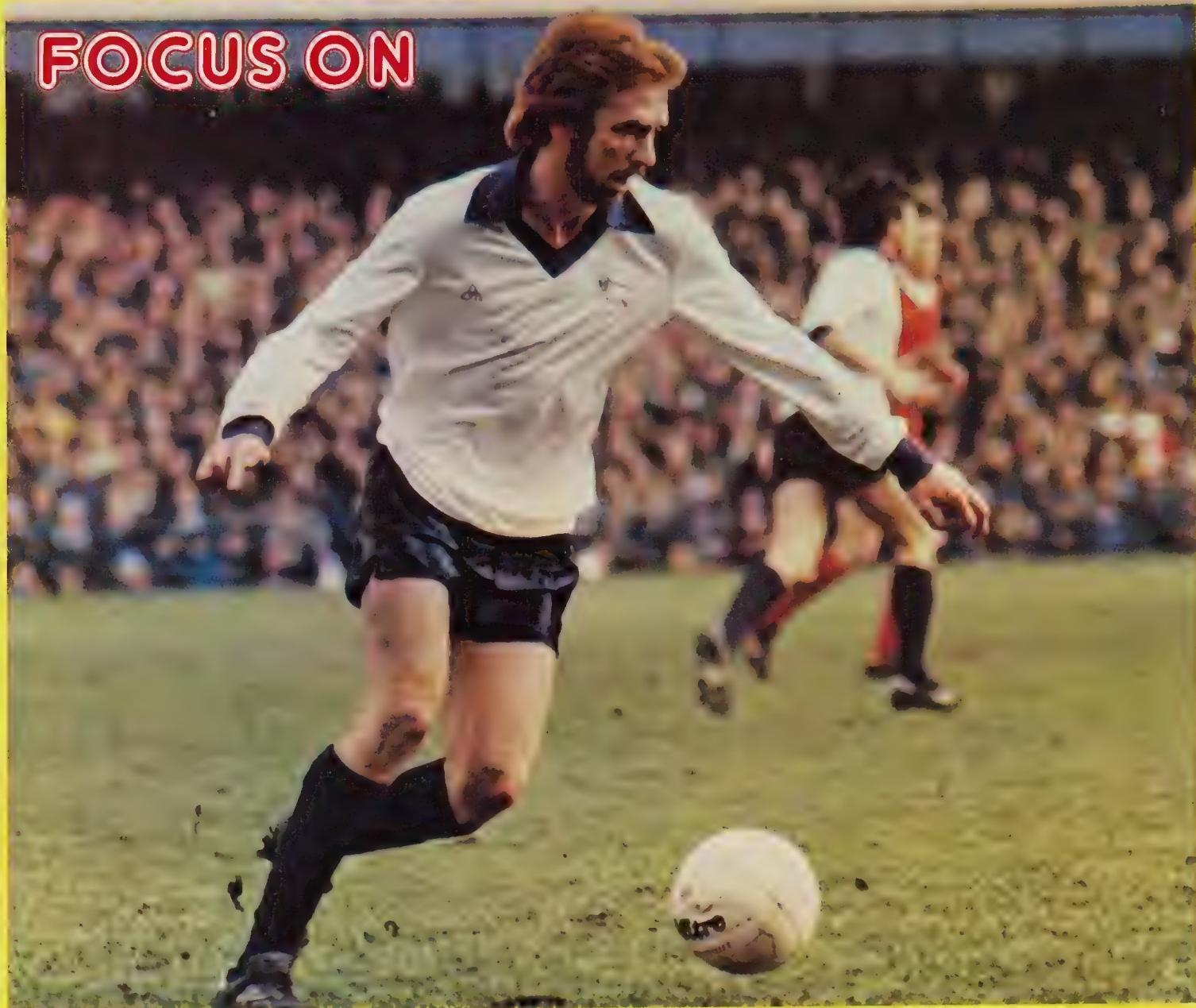
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ROY GREENWOOD

DERBY COUNTY

FULL NAME: Roy Greenwood
BIRTHPLACE: Leeds
BIRTHDAY: 26th September
HEIGHT: 5ft 9ins
WEIGHT: 10st
PREVIOUS CLUBS: Hull City and Sunderland
MARRIED: To Janet
CHILDREN: No
CAR: Saab 99
FAVOURITE PLAYER: Former Scottish international, Denis Law
FAVOURITE OTHER TEAM: Leeds United
MOST DIFFICULT OPPONENT: All defenders are hard
MOST MEMORABLE MATCH: Hull City v. Leicester City in a League Cup replay. We won 3-2
BIGGEST THRILL: Winning promotion

with Sunderland in 1975-76
BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT: Being relegated with Sunderland the following season
BEST COUNTRY VISITED: Singapore
FAVOURITE FOOD: Fish and chips
MISCELLANEOUS LIKES: Walking my dog, a day at the races and gardening
MISCELLANEOUS DISLIKES: Bad manners
FAVOURITE T.V. SHOWS: Fawlty Towers, Hector's House and Crossroads
FAVOURITE SINGERS: Paul Simon, Stephen Bishop and Diana Ross
FAVOURITE ACTORS: Dustin Hoffman and Clint Eastwood
BEST FRIEND: Leeds' striker John Hawley. I've known him for ten years and he was Best Man at my wedding

BIGGEST INFLUENCE ON CAREER: My father and John Kaye (asst-manager, Scunthorpe)
BIGGEST DRAG IN SOCCER: Injuries
INTERNATIONAL HONOURS: None
PERSONAL AMBITION: To be happy
PROFESSIONAL AMBITION: To play in Europe with Derby
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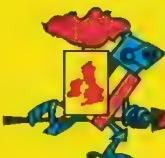
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BELGIUM SK BEVEREN

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Part-time Champs!

We had a good season in Belgium with a surprising ending when SK Beveren became Champions. SK Beveren, a semi-professional club, outclassed all full-professional opposition and won the title in style — although unexpectedly.

SK Beveren rely on three veterans: captain and left-winger Jean Janssens (34), defender Freddy Buyl (34) and Paul Van Genechten (37), the oldest player in the Belgian First Division.

In goal they have Jean-Marie Pfaff, who was voted Footballer of the Year during the season. In midfield Heinz Schönberger and Wim Hofkens had a very good campaign while Erwin Albert, the German goal-ace, proved a shrewd transfer-deal as he ended as top scorer in the League.

The Belgian F.A. Cup was won by Beerschot, who had a disappointing League season. They eliminated top teams on their way to the Final. Beerschot beat FC Bruges 1-0 in the Final at the Heysel Stadium in front of 50,000 people.

Their star-players were goalkeeper Jan Tomaszewski, the Polish "Wembley Hero", midfielder Juan Lozano and striker Emmanuel Sanon, the Haitian international who became famous in the 1974 World Cup when he ended Dino Zoff's record of 1,100 minutes without conceding a goal.

Anderlecht started well, but lost silly points in away games. There was a row between Haan and Rensenbrink which didn't improve the atmosphere within the club... so, once again no Championship for the Brussels club.

The previous season's Champions, FC Bruges, had a very disappointing season. Their manager Ernst Happel, walked out halfway through and FC Bruges never again produced the flowing and effective football of the previous three years.

During the 1978-79 season no less than eight managers either resigned or were dismissed. Most



SK BEVEREN: (Belgian Champions 1978-79)

BACK ROW (left-to-right): Heinz SCHONBERGER, Bert CLUYTENS, Gustavo LISAZO, Rudy VAN GOETHEM, Karl-Heinz WISSMANN (assistant coach).
MIDDLE ROW: Robert GOETHALS (coach-manager), Bob STEVENS, Patrick VERHOOSSEL, Eddy JASPERNS, Wim HOFKENS, Jan Missing on the photo: Erwin ALBERT

of the big transfers turned out to be good buys: Ruud Geels, from Ajax to Anderlecht; Jan Tomaszewski, from LKS Lodz (Poland) to Beerschot ('Tomek' stopped four penalties in the League); Walter Meeuws, Belgian national team defender, from Beerschot to FC Bruges; they all came up to expectations.

The Belgian national team played four games in Group Two of the European Championship... and drew them all. Yet again their failing was the lack of good goals. Most of the strikers in the Belgian First Division are foreign. This lack of Belgian quality strikers is clearly reflected in the national team.



BEERSCHOT: (Belgian FA Cup winners 1978-79)

BACK ROW (left-to-right): Jan TOMASZEWSKI, Gerrie KLETON, René MUCHER, Guido MALLANTS, Arto TOLSA, Louis VAN GUCHT, Rudy VAN LANDEDHEM, Emmanuel SANON, Paul BELOY, André LAURYSEN
FRONT ROW: Pierre DE RAET, Frank SCHRAUWEN, Patrick IPERMANS, Paul LAMBERT, Juan LOZANO, Jean RYANT, Jos VAN PELT, Johan CONINX, Julien VAN OPPDORP

BELGIAN FA CUP FINAL

BEERSCHOT 1 FC BRUGES 0

Attendance: 50,000

Beerschot: Tomaszewski, Beloy, Tolsa, Van Abbey, Van Gucht, Lozano, Schrauwen, Coninx, Lambert (Ryant), Mucher, Sanon.

FC Bruges: Jensen, Bastihns, Leekens, Meeuws, Volders, Cools, Vandereycken, Courant, Ceulemans, Lambert, Verhecke (Sörensen).

Goal: 55th minute Coninx

Eddy JASPERNS. Born 15.4.56. Defender. Heading specialist. Belgian international, joined SK Beveren from FC Wildert in 1974. (Profession: car-mechanic.)

Freddy BUYL. Born 21.10.44. Defender. Home-grown, organiser of the Beveren defence. (Profession: electro-technician.)

Paul VAN GENECHTEN. Born 24.4.41. Defender. Oldest player in the Belgian First Division. Joined Beveren from Beerschot in 1966. (Profession: member of the fire-brigade.)

Marc BAECKE. Born 24.7.56. Defender. Joined Beveren from Excelsior Sint-Niklaas in 1974. Belgian international. Attack-minded defender, who scored twice in the E.C. match against FC Rijeka. (Profession: warehouse attendant.)

Wim HOFKENS. Born 27.3.58. Dutch midfielder who joined the club from Willem II in 1976. One of the best players of the season. Fast, good technician and schemer. (Profession: carpet shop attendant.)

Heinz SCHONBERGER. Born 30.12.49. Joined Beveren from Racing Mechelen in 1977. German midfielder who also played for German clubs Kickers Offenbach and Tasmania Berlin. Good technically. (Profession: office clerk.)

Freddy TRUYENS. Born 17.2.56. Joined from Gerda Sint-Niklaas in 1976. Midfielder, who was substitute last season. Lacks a bit of experience to win a first team place. Good prospect. (Profession: printer)

Bob STEVENS. Born 6.7.50. Striker. Dangerous header. Makes a lot of goals for Erwin Albert. The lanky type (Roger Davies-type). Joined the team from KV Mechelen in 1975. (Profession: business manager.)

FINAL TABLE

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1. SK Beveren	34	19	11	4	62-24	49
2. Anderlecht	34	21	3	10	76-41	45
3. Standard Liège	34	17	10	7	46-30	44
4. Lokeren	34	16	10	8	54-33	42
5. Molenbeek	34	17	7	10	57-41	41
6. FC Bruges	34	14	10	10	51-49	38
7. Antwerp FC	34	11	13	10	44-41	35
8. Lierse SV	34	13	7	14	44-48	33
9. SC Charleroi	34	13	7	14	44-49	33
10. Winterslag	34	10	13	11	45-47	33
11. Thor Waterschei	34	10	12	12	42-44	32
12. Beerschot VAV	34	12	7	15	46-51	31
13. Beringen	34	9	11	14	38-47	29
14. Waregem	34	7	15	12	33-47	29
15. Berchem Sport	34	8	12	14	30-46	28
16. FC Liège	34	10	6	18	49-55	26
17. La Louvière	34	8	8	18	45-79	24
18. KV Kortrijk	34	5	10	19	27-61	20

FACTS AND FIGURES:

833 goals were scored (average 2.06 per game)

396 yellow cards were shown, and 10 players were sent-off

70 penalties were awarded from which 51 were goals

Erwin Albert (SK Beveren) was the top scorer with 28 goals; second was Ruud Geels (Anderlecht) with 26 goals. The average attendance was 9,830

PEN PICTURES

Jean-Marie PFAFF. Born 4.12.53. Goalkeeper. Belgian international. Very certain and agile, reliable on the ground and in the air. Home-grown. (Profession: owner of his own sports-shop.) Player of the Year.

Bert CLUYTENS. Born 16.11.55. Dangerous right-winger. Belgian international. Very fast, good technique. Joined the club from Hoboken, his native town, in 1974. (Profession: clerk.)

Jean JANSSENS. Born 28.9.44. Club captain. Left winger. Despite his age (34!) one of the fastest players in the Belgian League. Belgian international. Home-grown talented player. Had a marvellous season. (Profession: works at the Antwerp harbour.)

Erwin ALBERT. Born 27.3.54. The only full-time professional player. German born, who played for Hertha BSC Berlin. Joined Beveren in 1978. Belgian top scorer with 28 goals.

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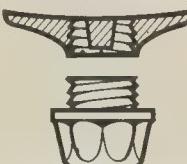
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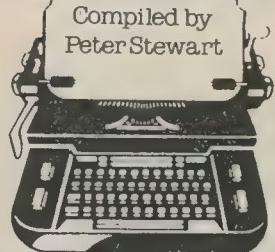
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DESK

GRIMSBY have got a bargain buy in John Stone. The Third Division club failed with a £35,000 bid for the Darlington captain last season. Now the Quakers have accepted a cut-price £20,000.

Stone has business interests in the Grimsby area and could not meet the "Train at Fethams" order of new Darlington manager Billy Elliott.

CENTENARIANS

IT'S centenary time for many League clubs. Everton and Grimsby both completed 100 years during 1978. Villa, Birmingham, Blackburn, Bolton, Crewe, Middlesbrough, Port Vale, and Wolves have all celebrated the milestone in the Seventies. Now Doncaster, Fulham, Sunderland, and West Brom all celebrate a century this year.

LEEDS United are getting close to the day when they can field a team entirely composed of players whose surname begins with H. At the moment they have Harvey, Hird, Hampton, Hart, Hankin, Harris, and Hawley. Any more to come?

'ALBION WILL BOOST MY ENGLAND CAREER' says Peter Barnes



BRIGHTON fans get a warning from chairman Mike Bamber as they prepare to welcome the First Division big boys to the Goldstone Ground.

The Seagulls start life in the top flight with a glamorous home game against F.A. Cup winners Arsenal — and Bamber makes it clear the fans must get there early.

"I'm afraid they are going to have to change the habit of a lifetime and turn up at the ground with plenty of time to spare now we are in the First Division," he says.

"The days when they could turn up ten minutes before the kick-off and stroll through the turnstiles are over.

"If they do that now there's a fair chance they won't even get within a mile of the ground.

"Our promotion to the First Division has created tremendous interest down here and everyone is excited about seeing some of the great names and great teams of football at Brighton.

"We have all got to make adjustments to meet the new challenge and I beg the fans to get here in plenty of time in future.

"We've had problems in the past on big-match days trying to pack in everyone who turned up late and many have complained it's taken them ages to get through the turnstiles.

"It will do, if you get lots of people arriving together — and late. They will have no chance at all this season if they leave it late. So my message to the fans is — please be early."

... and why John Gregory's glad he's at the Goldstone

THE one factor which decided John Gregory (right) to accept the terms offered to him by Brighton boss, Alan Mullery, was that he was to be signed to fill a particular position.

At Aston Villa the former Northampton Town player gained something of a reputation as a member of the squad who could be used in

utility roles.

He said: "Alan Mullery wants me to play right-back and this suits me down to the ground because it was a little disconcerting to be asked to play all over the field.

"It's an asset to play in different positions but with this move to Brighton I'm hoping that I will lose this utility tag."

If and when anyone hits a hat-trick against Liverpool the event, surely, will call for a special award. No one has scored three times against that ironclad defence since Malcolm Macdonald did so for Newcastle United as far back as August, 1971.

BIG-SPENDERS Manchester United can still be relied upon to produce some outstanding youngsters.

Among the latest crop is 18-year-old Garry Worrall, a left-sided player equally at home in midfield or on the wing.

Garry's a bit of a sharpshooter, too. He won the "Penalty prize" before the 1976 League Cup Final. And he's also spot on when it comes to helping others. The Salford-born youngster has been teaching little kids at a local primary school without being paid.

TRANSFER SHOCK

THE big close-season transfer shock in Edinburgh has been Hibs signing former Hearts captain Jim Brown. Manager Eddie Turnbull snapped up the 28-year-old utility player when his contract at Tynecastle ended with a free transfer after 13 years' service. Brown turned down the chance to join Motherwell who were relegated with Hearts to the First Division. Now he'll stay in the Premier Division although remaining a part-timer at Easter Road.



SOUTH AMERICAN TRIP FOR EIRE

THE Republic of Ireland have been invited to meet World Champions Argentina in Buenos Aires next year. The Irish hope to line up friendlies against Chile, Brazil and Uruguay at the same time.

Eire also play Wales at Swansea on September 11th.

COLOUR CHANGE

FIVE years after discarding their traditional black and white kit for a jazzy orange strip, Second Division Luton Town are to change their colours again.

They will kick-off the new season as The Lilywhites once more, playing in the strip which used to be their change colours — all-white, with an orange and blue side-stripe.

"We think it looks better," said manager David Pleat. "Our orange strip will become the change kit, so small boys don't have to persuade their fathers to spend a fortune immediately. A lot of youngsters already owned the white change strip because of its popularity, and the orange ones won't be completely out of date for some time yet."

WISH YOU WERE HERE
Aston Villa striker John Deehan
up to his ankles in water during
a holiday with wife, Linda, and
new baby, Emma Jane, in Wales
this summer.



Des Keeps Boss Happy

COLERAINE supremo Vic Hunter was the happiest team-chief in Ireland when freescorer Showgrounds' ace Des Dickson signed-up for the 1979-80 term — and no wonder!

Prolific marksman Des, with close on 400 senior goals under his belt, has been The Bannsiders' top scorer in the past decade and their most lethal finisher in their proud and colourful top-grade history.

Last term, the four-times-capped Northern Ireland international became unsettled at Coleraine and even sought a fresh start elsewhere, but now, at 32, the talented goal-merchant enters yet another campaign with his one and only senior club, whom he joined as a promising schoolboy, 'way back in 1961.'

Larry Lloyd played for Ireland

WHEN the League of Ireland team toured the Far East last month, the locals insisted on a guest player.

Fortunately Nottingham Forest and former England centre-half Larry Lloyd (left) was in Kuala Lumpur on business and readily agreed to line-up for the Irish.

But even Larry's experience couldn't save the League from being beaten 1-0 by the Malaysian national side.

However, Larry headed one of the League's goals in their 4-1 victory over Singapore.



MEN ON THE MOVE

Here is our first list of close season transfers

Jim Arnold (Stafford R to Blackburn)	Gary Sargent (Peterborough to Northampton)
John Bailey (Blackburn to Everton)	Mike Saxby (Mansfield to Luton)
Jeff Bryant (Wimbledon to Bournemouth)	Bobby Shinton (Wrexham to Man City)
Dennis Byatt (Peterborough to Northampton)	John Smulders (Orient to Bournemouth)
Alan Buckley (Birmingham to Walsall)	Dave Smith (Notts Co to Torquay)
David Carr (Luton to Carlisle)	Dave Staniforth (Bristol R to Bradford C)
Brian Chambers (Millwall to Bournemouth)	Gregor Stevens (Motherwell to Leicester)
Les Chapman (Oldham to Stockport)	Giles Stille (Kingstonians to Brighton)
Trevor Christie (Leicester to Notts Co)	Tommy Taylor (West Ham to Orient)
Avi Cohen (Macabi to Liverpool)	Mick Tuohy (Redditch to Southend)
Gary Collier (Bristol C to Coventry)	Lock Ursem (A267 Holt to Stoke C)
Terry Cooper (Lincoln to Bradford C)	Phil Walker (Millwall to Charlton)
Alan Curbishley (West Ham to Birmingham)	John Ward (Lincoln to Watford)
Alan Curtis (Swansea to Leeds)	Dave Watson (Man City to Bremen)
Laurie Cunningham (West Brom to Real Madrid)	Bryan Winstanley (Brighton to Carlisle)
Peter Davidson (Berwick R to QPR)	Chris Woods (Nottm. F to QPR)
Terry Donovan (Grimsby to Aston Villa)	Alan Young (Oldham to Leicester)
David Evans (Aston Villa to Halifax)	
John Evanson (Fulham to Bournemouth)	
Steve Foster (Portsmouth to Brighton)	
Gerry Francis (QPR to Crystal Pal)	
Ron Fletcher (Man City to Minnesota Kicks)	
Tony Geidmits (Northampton to Halifax)	
Terry Gray (Huddersfield to Southend)	
John Gregory (Aston Villa to Brighton)	
Asa Hartford (West Brom to Nottm. F)	
Tom Heffernan (Spurs to Bournemouth)	
Martin Hodge (Plymouth to Everton)	
Norman Hunter (Bristol C to Barnsley)	
Micky Laverick (Southend U to Huddersfield)	
Howard Kendall (Stoke C to Blackburn R)	
Andy McCulloch (Brentford to Sheff Wed)	
Frank McGarvey (St Mirren to Liverpool)	
John McLaughlin (Swindon to Portsmouth)	
David McVay (Notts Co to Peterborough)	
Jon Moore (Millwall to Bournemouth)	
Alan Ollis (Aston Villa to Luton)	
Gary Owen (Man City to West Brom)	
Terry Owen (Rochdale to Port Vale)	
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Shaun Penny (Bristol C to Bristol R)	
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MANAGERIAL CHANGES

Steve Burtnshaw sacked by QPR.
Tommy Docherty appointed manager QPR.
John Pickering sacked by Blackburn and replaced by Howard Kendall (player-manager).
Billy Elliott sacked by Sunderland and replaced by Ken Knighton, with Frank Clark (ex-Notts Forest) as assistant-manager.
Frank Sibley resigned as manager of Walsall; replaced by Alan Buckley (player-manager).
Colin Addison appointed manager Derby (John Newman resigned Grimsby appointed assistant-manager of Derby).
Billy Bingham resigned as manager Mansfield.
Tony Waddington appointed manager Crewe.
Clive Walker appointed team-manager Northampton.
Jimmy Dickinson retired (ill health) as manager Portsmouth and replaced by Frank Burrows.
Ken Shellito appointed assistant-manager QPR.
Geoff Hurst appointed coach Chelsea.

(More moves next week)

CHASING FOX

CLIFTONVILLE were interested in Sligo Rovers' Northern Ireland keeper Alan Patterson, but Sligo's asking price was described as "ridiculously high" by Jackie Hutton, the Cliftonville boss.

But another Sligo player could be joining an Irish club. Ballymena United are interested in Graham Fox, who captained the West of Ireland club to their first Championship success in 40 years, three seasons back.

Busybody Bob

WINGER Bob Sherman who signed professional for Cardiff City last August has been quite a busybody when it comes to the close season.

A deckchair attendant and lifeguard at his native Aberystwyth and working in a golf professional's shop are just two of the duties he does well.

A Welsh Youth cap at soccer, he also smashed the Welsh 400m hurdles record, in athletics.

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LAST season was a dead loss as far as I was concerned. Because of injury and a cartilage operation I only played around half-a-dozen serious matches for Derby and lost my place in the England squad. You could say my career came to a full stop.

So you can understand why I want to put the past ten months or so behind me and make a fresh start at the Baseball Ground.

It means a great deal to prove myself a winner for Derby County and go part way to justifying the £250,000 the club paid Manchester United for me in April, 1978.

There has been speculation as to my own future at Derby following Tommy Docherty's departure to Queens Park Rangers, but as I made clear in my last column I've no intention of leaving unless new boss Colin Addison makes it obvious I've no future with the club.

As you are only too aware, football's a precarious profession and situations can change almost overnight. How many times have you read that so and so manager has declared his faith in a player only for him to be transferred hours later.

In my case Colin certainly hasn't hinted he would like me to leave. On the contrary we had a very encouraging meeting shortly after he arrived at the club. He made it perfectly clear how he sees the future for Derby, the sort of team he wants and my own role in the new set-up.

He said it was up to me to establish myself as an important part of the side.

Colin is an honest, straight-talking person . . . a manager in the Terry Venables mould.

His persuasive powers were soon put to the test when he took over. Skipper Roy McFarland was all set to leave for Wolves, but changed his mind after a chat with the gaffer.

His second move was to appoint John Newman as his number two.

Now, The Doc's assistant, Frank Blunstone, was a pal of mine and I wasn't looking forward to meeting his successor. But I admit I soon changed my mind. John, who performed a minor miracle by guiding Grimsby Town into the Third Division last season, impressed me with his handling of players. He and Addison will be a winning combination, I'm sure.

You don't have to be a soccer expert to know that there is work to be done before Derby have a team capable of challenging for the Championship, but we are not a bad side. In fact, I'd say our present squad is as good if not better, than most in the First Division.

Our priority for the new season is to regain some of the club's lost pride and our rightful position alongside the country's leading teams.

It doesn't seem that long ago Derby were winning titles and competing in Europe. Naturally, I don't know the reasons for the club's gradual decline. Most outfits go through a period of recession after winning top honours.

I do know this present regime have the necessary talent and determination to restore some of those former glories.

We'll all get a better idea of our future prospects after the first match of the season against West Brom at The Hawthorns.

Some people might think Colin Addison is a little apprehensive about making such a quick return to his old club, where he was assistant to manager Ron Atkinson.

Not a bit — he's excited at the prospect. Two points against an Albion team he helped build into one that almost snatched the Championship last season will prove to critics he was right to take the Derby County gamble.

The odds must be on Albion, but I'm confident Derby can spring a few surprises at The Hawthorns.

Albion have lost their new England winger Laurie Cunningham to Real Madrid, of course, but his absence has been more than com-

Forest? How can you discount them. Brian Clough is still improving a team that was good enough to win the European Cup last season. With that man in charge anything is possible. I don't think he'll be content until he's built the best team and stadium in the country. Good luck to him. And both Liverpool and Forest have been in the transfer market spending huge amounts of money, which can only mean they'll be even stronger next term.

As the new season approaches I realise I must concentrate all my efforts towards regaining my form and fitness and above all international recognition.

So I've reluctantly decided to "drop" myself from the SHOOT team and concentrate on the playing side of my career.

I've had a tremendous run since my debut in August, 1976 and made many friends.

I'd like to express my thanks to all the SHOOT staff who I got to know very well . . . and all you readers for your support and your letters.

Believe me your encouragement and good wishes during the gloomy days of last season helped to keep my spirits up.

But I'm not going to put the old

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pensated by the arrival of Gary Owen and my international rival Peter Barnes from Manchester City.

They're both excellent players and I wish them well at West Brom . . . not on Saturday week, of course.

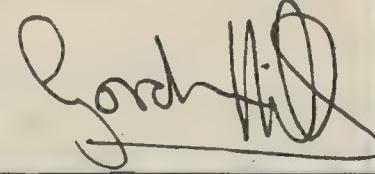
Although I rate Albion highly I can't see them winning the title next year. I can't look beyond Liverpool and Nottingham Forest.

The Merseysiders are the Rolls-Royce of English football. The longer they go on the better they look.

typewriter away for good. I'll be back from time to time bringing you up-to-date with the latest news . . . and moves?

Well, here's to a happy and successful 1979-80 to you and your favourite team.

Good luck to you all . . .



Liverpool — Gordon's tip for the title — beat Derby (white shirts) 2-0 at the Baseball Ground last season.



FROM non-League to Division Three in two seasons — that's the remarkable feat of progressive Wimbledon. And when promotion was clinched with a 1-1 draw against Barnsley on May 15, manager Dario Gradi breathed a thankful sigh of relief.

"That was the initial feeling," he said, "but now it's one of looking forward to the future. We're planning for another soccer adventure."

"Our aim is to challenge for promotion again which is all I said at the start of the last campaign — we want to be there or thereabouts, and we were."

"We haven't got a secret or anything like that. It's just that we acquired good players, who played and gave a lot of effort. They were talented and worked very hard, which meant that we won more games than we lost."

"It's been a gradual progression; we simply kept on improving the team. The side has changed considerably since I took over in January, 1978, when Allen Batsford resigned."

"What I've tried to do is to get a team together that would be good enough for the Third Division, so that we wouldn't have to chop and change when promotion came."

Wimbledon scored 78 goals last season, so obviously the emphasis is firmly fixed on attacking play. "The style has been mostly 4-2-4 using two wingers," says Gradi. "But this depends entirely on the talent available."

"We've about 20 players to call on. I think I used 23 last season. I've let five of those go, but there

are replacements coming in. A lot of them are youngsters, mind you, but that doesn't matter."

"Les Briley (right, getting the support of his team-mates) was captain for most of last season. I bought him from Hereford during the previous campaign."

"I don't motivate the players. I get men who have enough motivation of their own. Lazy players are

show is that I can now coach who I want and how I want. If you're not the boss, you've always to follow someone else's style."

"The fans at Plough Lane were quiet for most of last season, then suddenly they sprang to life. We had good support at the away games and they also helped a great deal in the game against York."

which was the crucial one.

"The ground facilities are quite good with room for 15,000. We extended one of the two stands this summer and put up a few more buildings. So the whole feeling of the place is one of improvement, and progression."

WIMBLEDON - set for another soccer adventure

no use to me. Their private lives are no concern of mine. All I ask is that they apply themselves to football and their training."

Gradi, 37 and born in Milan, Italy, was once a school-teacher and played for Sutton United in the Isthmian League. He won an Amateur international cap and worked for the F.A., as a regional coach. He was in charge of the reserves at Chelsea when Dave Sexton was the manager and for a short while managed Sutton United. He teamed up with Colin Murphy at Derby before joining Wimbledon as assistant-manager in October, 1978.

Dario describes himself as quite a straightforward manager, but says: "To be honest, I'm a coach. The advantage of running my own



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'Coaches are bamboozling our boys'

Celtic Boys' Club, the nursery team who provide a wealth of talent for senior football clubs all over Britain in general and Celtic in particular, have just returned from another highly successful tour of the U.S.A.

Seven games — seven victories and only two goals conceded — showed again that my club have a fine bunch of ambassadors in these young lads.

Of course they are not the only young team from Scotland who have gone abroad and done well. Indeed when it comes to under age football Scottish sides are undeniably among the world's best and are in demand wherever youth tournaments are run.

But is giving so much to lads so young a good thing? I am not entirely convinced that it is.

Sure it is excellent that they can get organised to play in teams as lads at ten, 11 and 12. When I was that age we played in the street with jackets as goalposts and that was the end of it.

But we learned to play. Now I feel some youth coaches — and I certainly don't mean them all — are bamboozling the boys with talk of 4-2-4 and sweepers which they just don't understand.

When I was a boy no one was told to be a sweeper or a striker. The only talk of positions was that we all wanted to style ourselves on our idols. Jim Baxter was my hero, so naturally enough I wanted to wear the number six jersey ... outside my pants of course!

We played old fashioned 2-3-5 then and football was simple. Sometimes I think our game has been ruined for youngsters and they don't get as much out of it as they used to, despite the exotic trips and the globetrotting.

If a boy of 14 or 15 has played in

Holland and West Germany or toured the States, surely it must spoil him somewhat? And what is there left for him to do?

I accept that world wide travel must be good for a lad's education ... but I just hope they know how lucky they are and learn from their experiences.

And because we never had such opportunities it doesn't mean I am jealous or envious. The best of luck to them.

My first trip out of Scotland was to Wales for an Under-18 schoolboys' international — and that wasn't all that long ago. Jet-setting young footballers is an innovation which has hit the sport in only the last ten years or so.

Yet all of this is only a cautionary word or two. At the end of the day I still salute the fine results of our young players who have conquered the world.

I only hope they can carry on these sort of results when they turn senior and make Scotland unbeatable at all levels.

And talking of the Scottish challenge in Europe, what about that European Cup draw?

All the Scottish representatives got it tough, Aberdeen against Eintracht Frankfurt and Dundee United

against Anderlecht in the U.E.F.A. Cup and Rangers versus Lillestrom in the preliminary round and Fortuna Dusseldorf in the First Round of the Cup-Winners' tournament.

But when it comes to clocking up the miles on a trip of mystery and imagination Celts win hands down.

Tirana of Albania will be a nightmare tie in a land of secrecy against a team we know nothing about.

Two Scottish sides have played there before, Kilmarnock in the mid-60's and Hibs in the early 70's. On that Killie trip such was the James Bond style of the affair, only one journalist was allowed into the country when the plane touched down.

Pat Stanton, one time Celt and now assistant-manager of Aberdeen, was there with Hibs and calls it the worst ever experience of his life. The players hardly left the hotel on the trip.

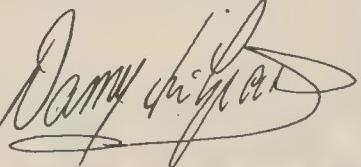
Did someone mention the glamour of the European Cup?

This Saturday (August 11th) we kick-off the new season with a home match against Morton.

We drew 0-0 and won 3-0 last term, but past results will mean nothing at the weekend.

I'm expecting a tough match ... and two more points.

See you in two weeks ...



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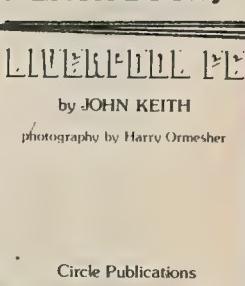
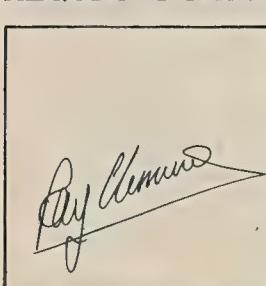
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ASA HARTFORD had to make one of the most important — and quickest — decisions of his life when Brian Clough offered him the chance of joining European Champions Nottingham Forest.

With Everton officials waiting to see Hartford, Clough gave the City and Scotland star an ultimatum: "Sign now or never."

Hartford didn't take long to decide and reflecting now on the incident in a Manchester hotel, Clough says: "He paid me the highest possible compliment in saying 'Yes' there and then."

But it was Hartford, that chunky bundle of Scottish fire and flair, who pinpointed the reasons behind his decision to move back to the Midlands.

He revealed: "I enjoyed my time at Manchester City but they only won the League Cup in 1976 and I have joined Nottingham Forest for more success."

"Forest have proved themselves over the last two seasons and I now hope I can play a part in helping them win a few more honours this season. What better move could I make than joining the European Champions?"

"It didn't take me long to make up my mind to join Forest. I talked it over with my wife and decided it was the best move for me at this stage of my career."

"Forest have a lot of quality players on the books and they are now established as one of the leading clubs in the country. After what they have achieved in the last two years that's obvious."

Determined

Hartford at 28 has been bought to help Forest consolidate at the top. Although their incredible success has even left Clough and Peter Taylor wondering at times where they go next, the Forest management are determined to put the club on the same footing as Liverpool.

And while they accept Forest will never receive the kind of support that flocks to Anfield, they still visualise building the type of side that will keep Nottingham in the forefront of British and European football for a decade.

Said Clough: "We decided to buy Asa because he was a quality player who became available. His coming here added to our overall strength whether he plays at left-back or outside-right."

"It's all about improving standards and that's what we are always seeking to do. When you get to the level we have achieved recently you measure improvement by the inch not the mile."

"We did need someone in midfield and Asa is the type of competitive player we like. We were aware of Everton's interest but I put my cards on the table."

"Asa said he wanted to talk to Everton but I told him to make up his mind as far as Forest were concerned. We are now at the stage where anyone who doesn't want to come to this club — or stay here — can walk straight out."

And although Hartford's arrival coincided with Martin O'Neill having transfer talks with

Brian Clough's blunt warning to Asa Hartford... **'SIGN FOR FOREST NOW-OR NEVER!'**



Coventry, Clough was quick to point out that Hartford had been signed as an addition — not a replacement.

His £400,000 arrival was also a "thank you" to Forest fans, who have poured money into the club in season ticket sales throughout the close season.

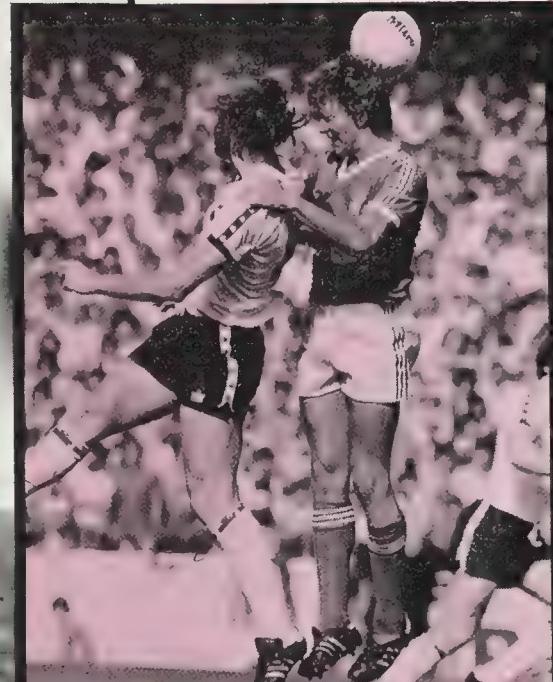
Added Clough: "People have just kept on buying tickets and it's their money that will pay for Hartford. Their faith deserves to be rewarded."

So Hartford settles in on Trentside but he's not a total stranger. Colin Barrett was on the Maine Road staff when Hartford moved to Manchester and the Forest full-back was the first player he met on his opening day at the City Ground.

And the Forest newcomer has a special memory of the ground on which he is sure to become a firm favourite this season.

After his move from West Brom to Leeds fell through a few years ago because of his hole-in-the-heart discovery, Hartford made his comeback for Albion at the City Ground, where he got a tremendous reception.

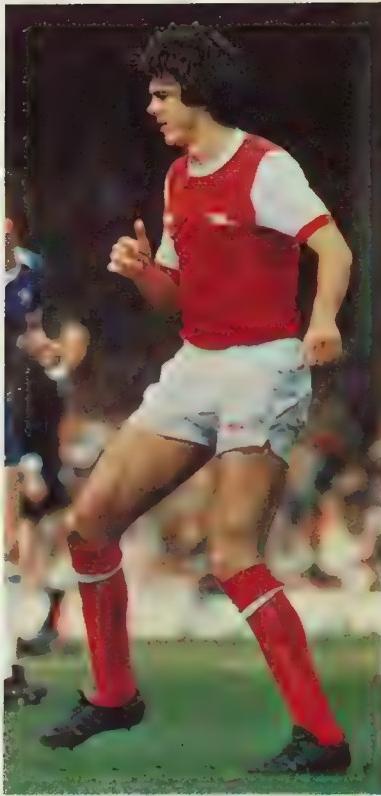
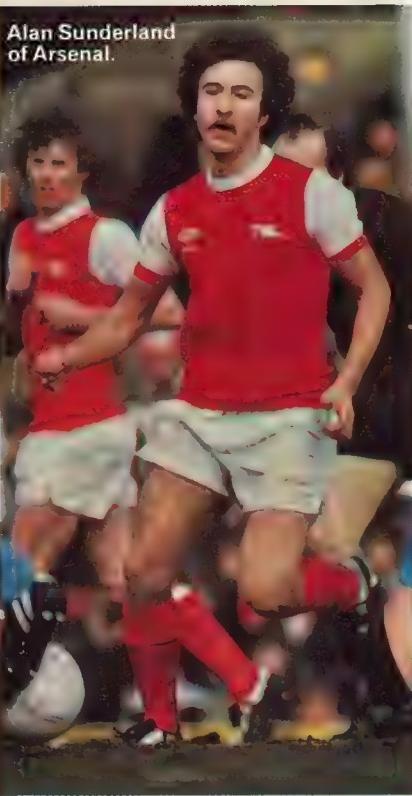
West Brom, incidentally, lost the match 4-1 and another Forest player has reason to remember it. The game was Martin O'Neill's debut.



Colin Barrett (right) was on the Maine Road staff when Asa Hartford moved to Manchester City.

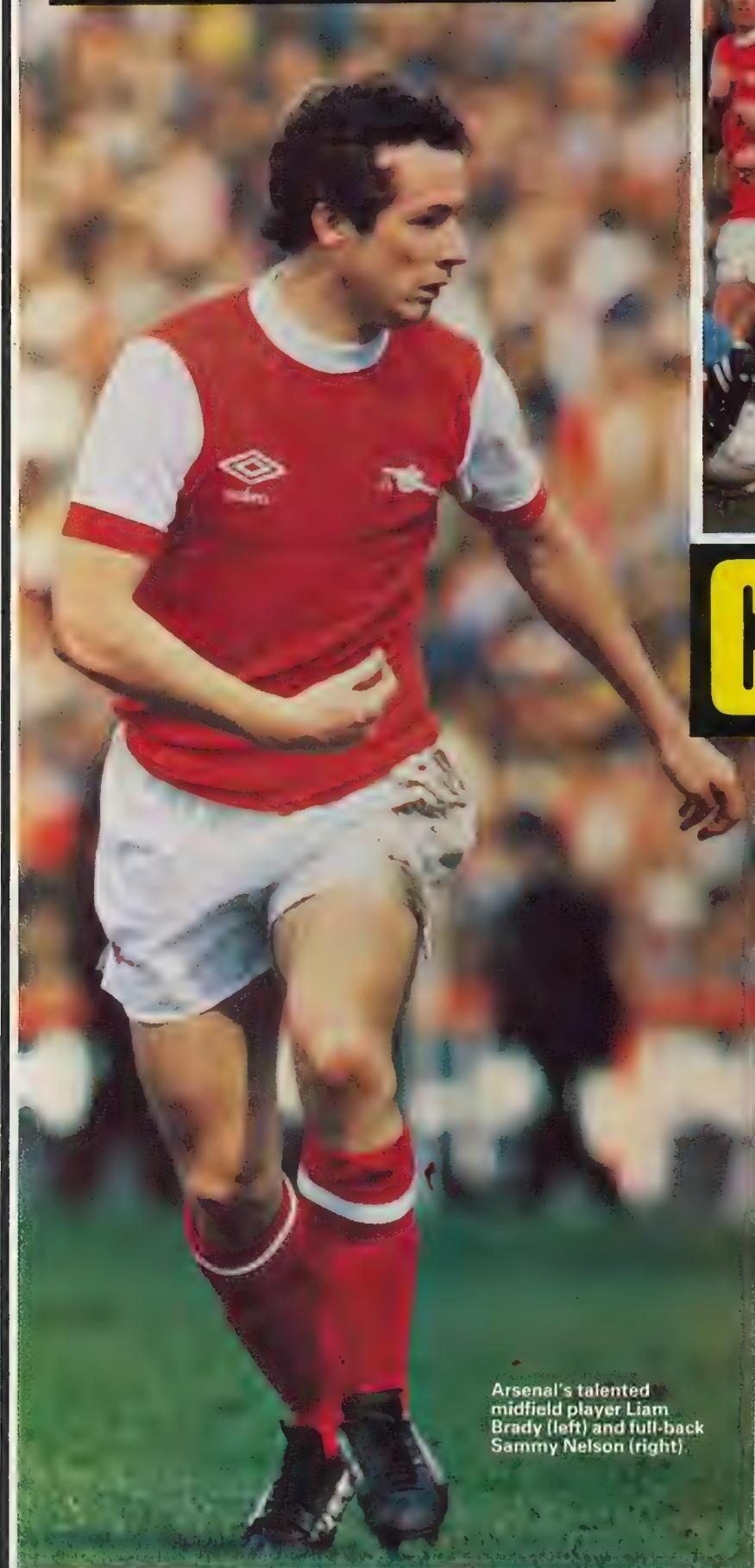
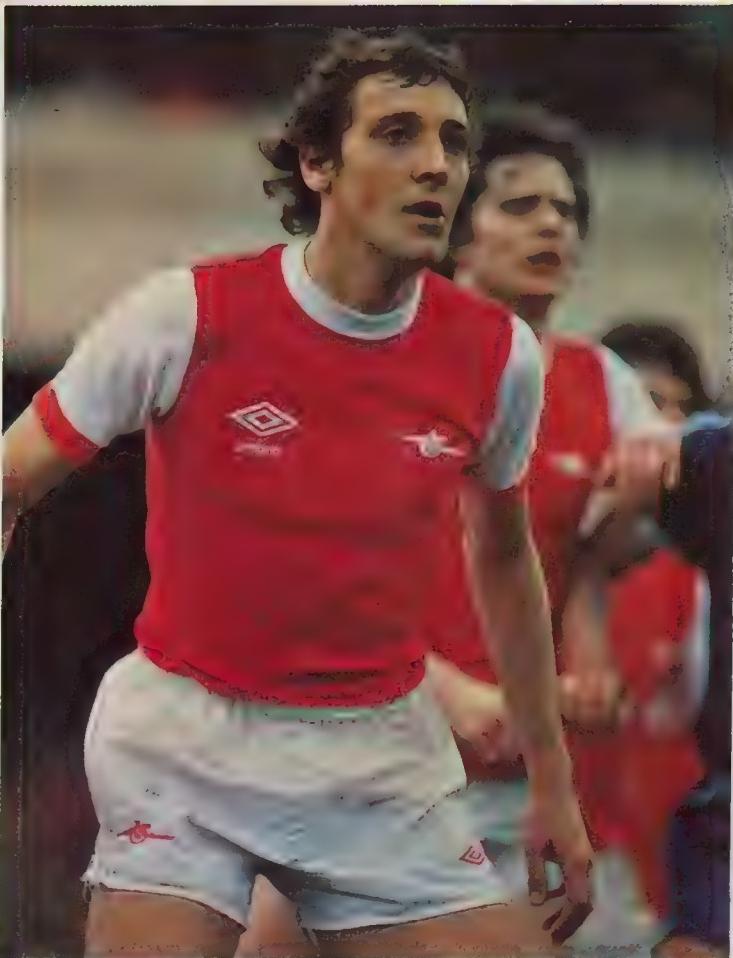
On August 11th, the curtain-raiser to the new season is played. League Champions Liverpool tackle F.A. Cup holders Arsenal in the Charity Shield at Wembley. It's a repeat of the 1971 F.A. Cup Final when Arsenal defeated Liverpool 2-1 after extra-time. It looks like another great game in prospect.

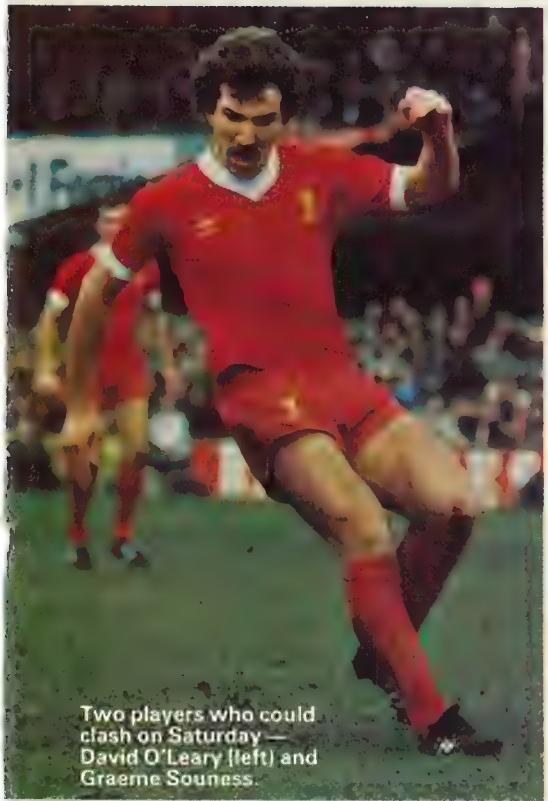
Alan Sunderland
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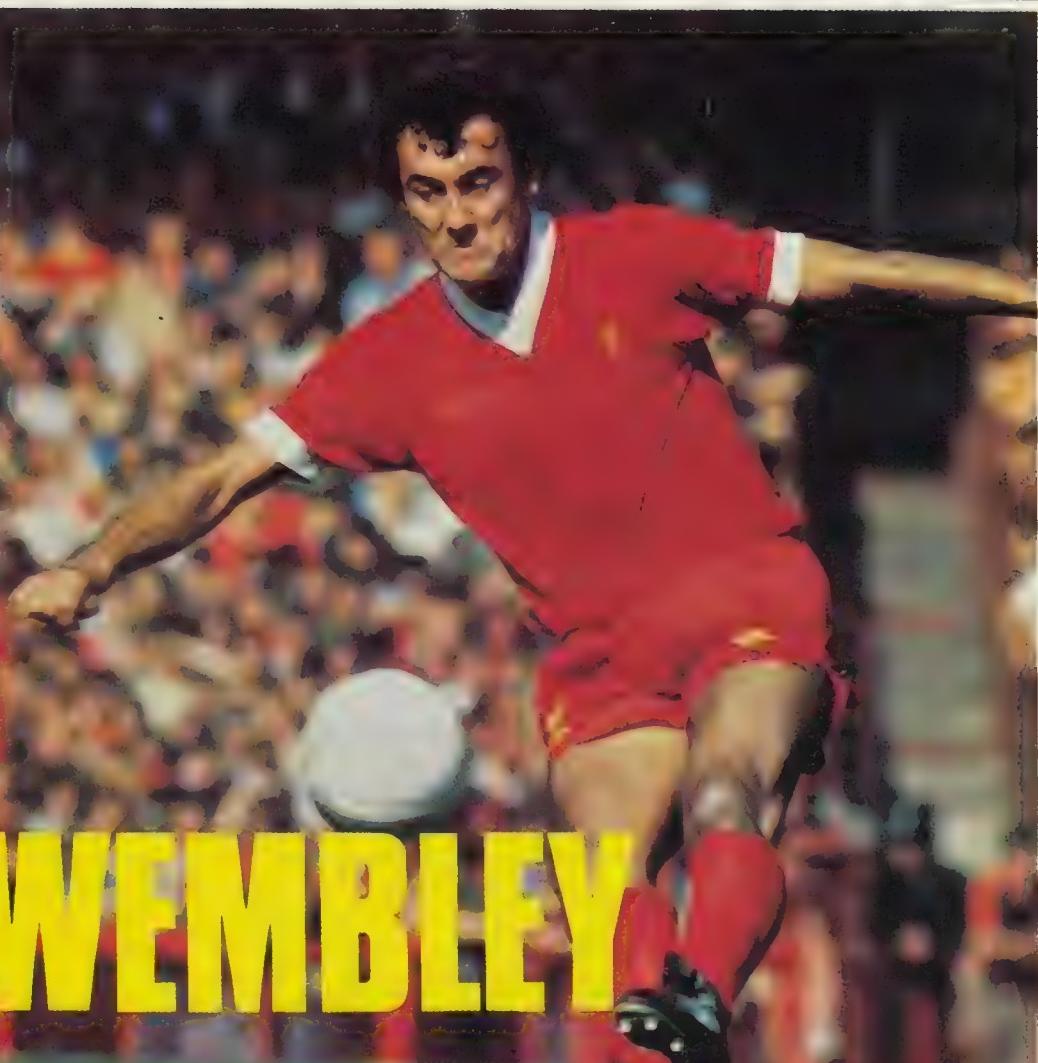
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Arsenal's talented
midfield player Liam
Brady (left) and full-back
Sammy Nelson (right).

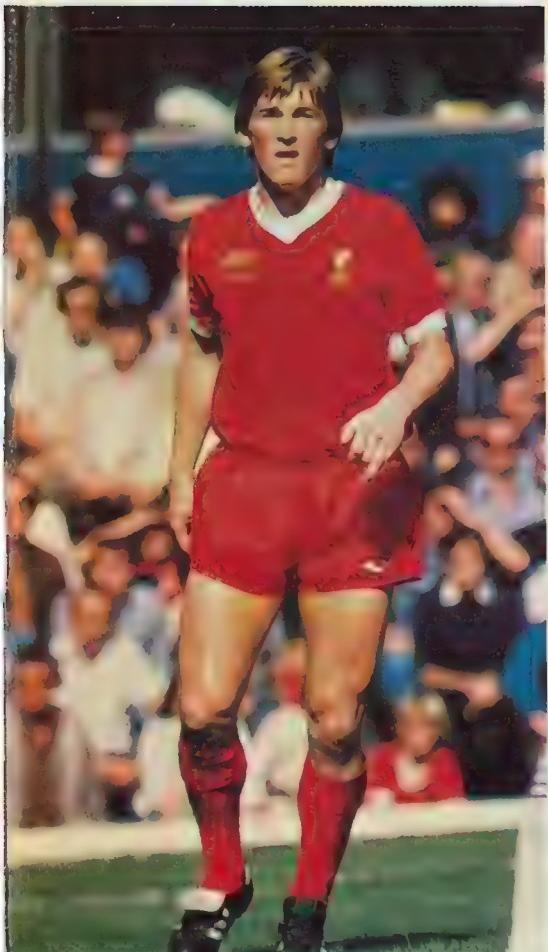




Two players who could clash on Saturday — David O'Leary (left) and Graeme Souness.



OPS AT WEMBLEY



Liverpool's dynamic trio
Above: Ray Kennedy; Left: Kenny Dalglish; Below: Jimmy Case.



SHOOT!

Poor support for Spain

Match	Venue	Ground Capacity	Attendance
Spain 5 Cyprus 0 (EC)	Salamanca	24,000	18,500
Spain 1 Rumania 0 (EC)	Valencia	55,000	47,000
Spain 2 Mexico 0	Granada	24,000	18,000
Spain 2 Italy 1	Madrid	102,000	25,000
Spain 3 Norway 0	Gijon	35,000	26,000
Spain 1 Hungary 1	Alicante	30,000	19,000
Spain 2 Rumania 0 (WC)	Madrid	70,000	21,000
Spain 1 Yugoslavia 0 (WC)	Seville	70,000	34,000

EC = European Championship. WC = World Cup Qualifier.

We tend to think all Latin countries have fanatical, ultra-patriotic support for their national teams, rather like the rousing unconditional support that spurred Argentina to their World Cup win last year. But I was recently talking to a Spanish journalist in Barcelona, and during the course of conversation I wondered where Spain were likely to be playing during the 1982 World Cup.

"I don't know," he replied, "but you can be 100 per cent sure it won't be in Barcelona! The last match they held at Barcelona's stadium was against West Germany in 1975 when they were World Champions — and only 18,000 turned up to watch."

I remembered this remark when I got home; flicked through the records of Spain's recent home matches; and got quite a surprise. My journalist friend did admit live TV coverage of every game helped to keep attendance figures low, but I was still amazed by the poor support given to the national team, as the table shows.

Incredibly, Spain have had such low attendances in the big cities like Barcelona and Madrid (a recent Spain v. Italy match was watched by only 25,000 spectators, lost in Real Madrid's mas-



Spanish clubs are well supported ... but the fans don't always give the national team similar backing.

sive Santiago Bernabeu Stadium) that they've been more or less forced to play their international matches in smaller provincial stadiums where there's more chance of getting a good atmosphere.

And even then, the support isn't all that it could be. During the recent 5-0 European Championship win against Cyprus, for example, the crowd spent a fair proportion of the time shouting "go home Indian" to Spain's Argentinian-born striker, Rubén Cano!

As the host nation, Spain will

theoretically be among the favourites in the 1982 World Cup, on the supposition they'll have the same sort of crowd support that the Argentinians had. But, unless Spanish supporters change their apathetic attitude, playing at home could even be a disadvantage!

WORLD WIDE

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EXPERIMENTAL ARGENTINA

ARGENTINA manager César Luis Menotti has angered the Brazilians by naming a 'reserve' side for the South American Championship. Argentina are drawn in the same qualifying group as Brazil, but Daniel Passarella is the only member of the side which won the World Cup on the list of 25 players named by Menotti. The Argentinian manager justifies his decision by claiming that he wants to observe some of his promising youngsters at international level.

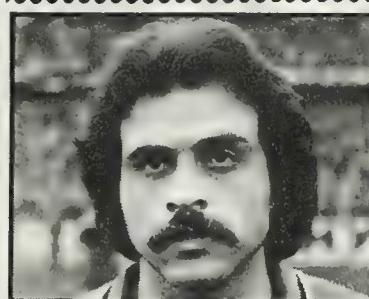
EASY BRAZIL

THE South American authorities have already made the draw for their qualifying groups which will determine the three countries who'll join World Champions Argentina in the 1982 World Cup. The Brazilians are rejoicing about their easy passage to the Finals, but the other two groups should be fiercely contested. Here's how the draw turned out:

Group A: Uruguay, Peru, Colombia.
Group B: Brazil, Bolivia, Venezuela.
Group C: Chile, Paraguay, Ecuador.

IN 1973, West German player Dieter Schwamme was quoted as saying: "The only way for those who aren't world-class to make money in soccer is to move from club to club."

Schwamme has just signed for Hanau — his eighth club in the last eight years!



News flashes

FRANCO Causio (left) recently completed 100 consecutive games for Juventus and more than 250 since he returned from playing on loan with Palermo in 1970. He has not missed a League game since February, 1976.

THE Uruguayan referee Nunes Morgado, in São Paulo for a South American Cup match, was mugged but managed to fight off his Brazilian assailants and lost nothing. In Uruguay Morgado has the nickname of "The Pink Panther" — probably the thieves would have left him alone had they known this!

1.F.C Kaiserslautern have told their players in future, any player getting a red card will be fined £250.

FIFPRO, the European Federation of Players' Unions, resolved at their recent conference in Venice to ask F.I.F.A. for a representative of the players to be given a seat on the World Cup Organising Committee in Spain.

THE Danes have signed a TV and radio commentary deal worth £200,000 for highlights after negotiations lasted three

Drunk — on Chocolate!

MOST managers say it is vital to get players together one or even two nights before a game, so that they can be kept away from temptations, but this theory proved fatal to Fluminense, a Rio club, on the week they had to play Flamengo.

The game was all important for Fluminense, who needed to win in order to keep their hopes of snatching the League Championship.

Everything looked bright for Fluminense in the first moments, for they scored five minutes after the kick-off and kept the pressure on. Their main attacker was their outside left, a young and fast player, a good dribbler of the ball, called Zeze'. But suddenly Zeze' collapsed.

He fell on the pitch and had to be removed on a stretcher, complaining that he was feeling sick, dizzy, and couldn't see well. He was substituted and after that Flamengo scored, equalising and dashing Fluminense's hopes.

At first, the doctors couldn't explain what had happened to Zeze', but soon the truth was established. He had felt so bored at the hotel where the team stayed (a hotel on a mountain, far away from everything) that he ate too many Easter eggs left over from the week before.

His complaint was diagnosed as "intoxication by chocolate".

A boot comes in at Rüdiger Abramczik of Schalke 04, but the Gelsenkirchen club conceded fewer points in the Fair Play League than anyone else.

SCHALKE TOP GERMAN FAIR PLAY LEAGUE

THE West German Bundesliga have a Fair Play League similar to the one run by Vernons Pools/Daily Mail and it is interesting to note the two "cleanest" teams were two who finished near the foot of the table.

LEAGUE POSITION

	GAMES PLAYED	LOST	POINTS (TOTAL)	PENALTIES CONCEDED (1pt)	YELLOW CARDS (3pts)	RED CARDS (10pts)	TOTAL
1. (15.)FC Schalke 04	34	75	3	3	24	72	—
2. (14.)Hertha BSC Berlin	34	85	7	7	26	78	—
3. (4.)Bayern Munich	34	93	3	3	30	90	—
4. (8.)VfL Bochum	34	97	4	4	31	93	—
5. (1.)Hamburger SV	34	100	4	4	32	96	—
6. (12.)Borussia Dortmund	34	108	6	6	34	102	—
7. (7.)Fortuna Düsseldorf	34	109	12	12	29	87	1
8. (13.)MSV Duisburg	34	110	2	2	36	108	—
9. (6.)1. FC Cologne	34	122	2	2	30	90	3
10. (17.)1. FC Nürnberg	34	131	5	5	42	126	—
(11.)Werder Bremen	34	131	8	8	41	123	—
(18.)SV Darmstadt 98	34	131	8	8	41	123	—
13. (9.)Eintracht Braunschweig	34	135	2	2	41	123	1
14. (3.)1. FC Kaiserslautern	34	148	5	5	41	123	2
15. (5.)Eintracht Frankfurt	34	153	2	2	47	141	1
16. (2.)VfB Stuttgart	34	158	1	1	49	147	1
17. (10.)Bor. Mönchengladbach	34	164	10	10	48	144	1
18. (16.)Arminia Bielefeld	34	177	4	4	51	153	2

months. The hang up was over second-half radio commentaries, never done before that the F.A. thought they should pay for. The new deal shows a 20 per cent increase.

APPARENTLY, football is the most popular game in the world, according to a recent survey, being played in 146 countries. Next comes basketball (143), followed by athletics (140), volleyball (120) and swimming (109).

DALTRO Menezes, manager of Francana of São Paulo, has created a new record. He was signed by Comercial of Ribeirão Preto and immediately took charge of the team, but he agreed to return to his former club the following Sunday to manage them in their final Championship game — he thus created a record managing two clubs at the same time.

THE day before the Czechoslovakia v. France match a Czech journalist team beat their French counterparts 8-2.

ZBIGNIEW Konkolewski of Opole had an unusual experience in the Polish First Division game Odra Opole v. GKS Katowice. After 65 minutes he went on as a substitute with his team losing and in three minutes

scored a goal with his first touch. Two more minutes and he scored what proved to be the winner at 2-1, and after 75 minutes he was carried off injured to make way for a new sub.

MEXICO'S national team is coming to Europe this year. Their opponents will be Tunisia on August 25, Bulgaria on August 29, Greece on September 1 and Israel on September 4.

THIS year's National Championship in Brazil will have 84 participating clubs, who between them will play a total of 470 matches on 31 dates between August 26th and December 16th. Clubs from São Paulo, Rio de Janeiro, Minas Gerais, Pernambuco, Rio Grande do Sul and Bahia will enter the competition in its Semi-Final stage.

THE chairman of Munich 1860 claims that when his club makes an approach for a player "all the doors snap shut or the prices rocket" and says there is an anti-1860 Mafia operating in Germany.

FORMER Ajax star centre-back Barry Hulshoff has become business manager of Second Division Fortuna SC.



The REAL reason Neeskens joined the Cosmos

YOU don't often see a man like Johan Neeskens crying. But he did a lot of it during his final weeks with Barcelona. He wept during the celebrations following the team's Cup-Winners' Cup victory; he burst into tears after his last League game against Sevilla; his eyes were moist as he said "adios" to the hordes of Pressmen. His Holland team-mate Johnny Rep recalls that Johan even wept in the dressing-room at Berne before the Argentina match when he tried to tell his fellow Dutchman the story of his departure. Johan Neeskens is now wearing the Number 13 shirt for the Cosmos in the North American Soccer League, but the Dutch star's emotional departure from Europe suggests that he's a reluctant exile . . .



"THERE'S no point in denying it — I'm extremely sad about leaving Barcelona. I had five fantastic years there; the fans loved me; and I had built a really good life style. Believe me, I would have accepted less money just to be able to stay at Barcelona," says the midfielder.

As with Beckenbauer, Cruyff, Müller and Pelé, the pulling-power of millions of dollars has finally netted Johan Neeskens. But, unlike the four we've mentioned, the Dutch midfielder isn't quietly playing out the twilight of his career. Neeskens, at 27, has made the move to the States while still at his peak.

"I don't agree with this idea that the American League is the 'elephants' cemetery' of soccer. Maybe at the moment the level of play isn't all that high, but I reckon that in three or four years the USA could become a major force."

Brave words. But not even Neeskens can delude himself that he's joined the Cosmos in search of a higher standard of soccer. Let's face it, he's gone in search of a fistful of dollars.

"The money is good, there's no arguing about that, but it isn't true that the money was the vital factor. More than anything else it's because the Cosmos offered me the security of a five-year contract, and no one else could match that sort of security."

It seems strange to hear Johan talking about security — he's not that sort of person. Despite his many years at the top, the titles, the two World Cup Finals, he's never become cynical or lost his youthful enthusiasm for the game. But his advisers, including Cruyff's father-in-law Cor Coster and business partner Michel Basilevitch, convinced him that at 27 his top priority should be to secure his future.

The upshot was that when Barcelona offered him a new £150,000 one-year contract, Johan insisted on a

three-year contract and the negotiations broke down. Barcelona promptly signed Allan Simonsen; and Neeskens was out. The directors' decision caused a bitter division of opinions in the city, and the row almost led to the demise of the whole board of directors.

"I was flattered by all the support that the fans gave me, of course. It made me very upset and emotional. The Barcelona fans are tremendous."

After the break with Barcelona, Johan turned on his advisers and told them to find him something better than the one-year deal he'd turned down. Several clubs showed interest, but none could come anywhere near the sort of terms that he'd grown used to. Arsenal's end-of-season interest was the nearest he came to signing for another European club.

'Failed'

"I can't give you the exact details of why the negotiations failed. But, yes, it was the same problem about the cash and the length of the contract. The level of taxation in England also made a terrific difference to the amount of money I would receive."

Arsenal's proposition was, by all accounts, a two-year contract worth £200,000 and, especially bearing the tax question in mind, this simply couldn't compete with the Cosmos' proposition of a five-year contract worth £250,000 a year.

Yet another of the great Holland team of the 1970's bites the dust . . .

"No, no, what are you talking about? I've got a clause in my contract that makes me available for international games with Holland, and I've got my sights firmly set on representing my country in the 1982 World Cup. If Kempes can return to Argentina and star in the 1978 World Cup, why can't I return from the USA and star in the 1982 World Cup?"

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JOHN WILE
(West Brom)



*'Out to improve
on third place'*

WILE: Everybody has high hopes in the early stages of this season, but I don't think it's over-optimistic to believe that teams from the Midlands could do well in 1979-80. I know at West Bromwich this term we'll be out to improve on our previous performance of finishing in third place.

HUTCHISON: At one time last season, we thought Coventry would be up there with you, John. Looking back, it might have been to our advantage away from home to have tightened up a little in defence, helping us to pick up more points on other grounds, which we hope to do this term.

WILE: Certainly, your 4-2-4 formation was adventurous and paid dividends. But when things are not going well it can have negative results, and I believe that Coventry adjusted it to a more defensive 4-3-3 later in the season.

HUTCHISON: The Liverpool technique of getting as many men as possible behind the ball when they are needed there seems to me to work ideally. But in evaluating Coventry's chances in the League, I would say we've learned from setbacks we suffered last term, and I expect us to finish up in a higher position in 1980 than our mid-table spot of last April.

WILE: Well, I'm aware that as usual, you'll be a personal handful for us when West Brom and Coventry meet, and Gary Thompson also impressed me in the games between us last season. I remember we defeated Coventry twice in the League, but it's important that Albion will not be complacent about any of the good results of six months or a year ago, or the fact that we were high in the table.

HUTCHISON: You mentioned Coventry's playing formation, which reminds me that West Bromwich will have a changed line-up this term following your selling of Laurie Cunningham and Len Cantello.

WILE: Yes, the names on the team-sheet will be different, but we will be sticking to our basic style, with Peter Barnes taking over Laurie

CROSSTALK

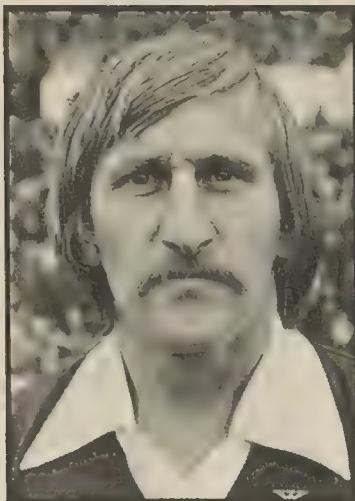
MORE SUCCESS FOR THE MIDLANDS?

Cunningham's role, and our other recent signing, Gary Owen, doing the same work as Len Cantello. And I'm confident that if we don't relax our efforts, and aim at being more consistent than ever before, we can be very strong title contenders.

HUTCHISON: Gary Owen is a fine midfield man, and to achieve the

right blend, there must be confidence in a side. We had it to a high degree the season before last, and we must recapture that. About consistency, Nottingham Forest are a Midland club that's shown it over the last two years and are certain to offer tough opposition to any team that is after the Championship. But if Forest did look as though they might falter, Brian Clough is the

TOMMY HUTCHISON
(Coventry)



*'We've learned from
our set-backs'*

sort of manager who would make the changes necessary to put them back in contention.

WILE: I have a hunch that Aston Villa could be a team to watch, following the handicap of being without players like Andy Gray and Brian Little for so long last season. Of the other Midland clubs, Wolves, too, could have a bit of a revival, though I'm sorry that Birmingham will be making their effort in the Second Division.

HUTCHISON: Well, John, I consider it a good thing that West Bromwich will be one of the clubs representing the Midlands in the First Division. I rated your defence as the best I came up against in 1978-79. Apart from the value of your own experience at the back, the whole Albion defence was well organised, and your side well-balanced throughout. And I would like to see Ally Brown get the recognition he deserves for his goalscoring performances.

WILE: At the moment, there seems to be more promise from the Midlands than other areas, though we can't forget Liverpool — from the London area, Arsenal and Spurs are carrying the banner, with Arsenal the more prominent of the two last season.

HUTCHISON: Odd thing about Liverpool, and Anfield — I always feel the cards are heavily stacked against visiting teams when they go there, not only on account of Liverpool's ability, but because of the tremendous atmosphere and the support the Kop gives to its own team, which I think might even affect the referee.

WILE: Anfield certainly isn't a place where the visitors expect to pick up easy points. But West Bromwich try to remember the essentials wherever they play, such as tactics and the art of passing the ball around accurately in all conditions. It isn't always a simple matter to maintain concentration, though it is needed to achieve success.

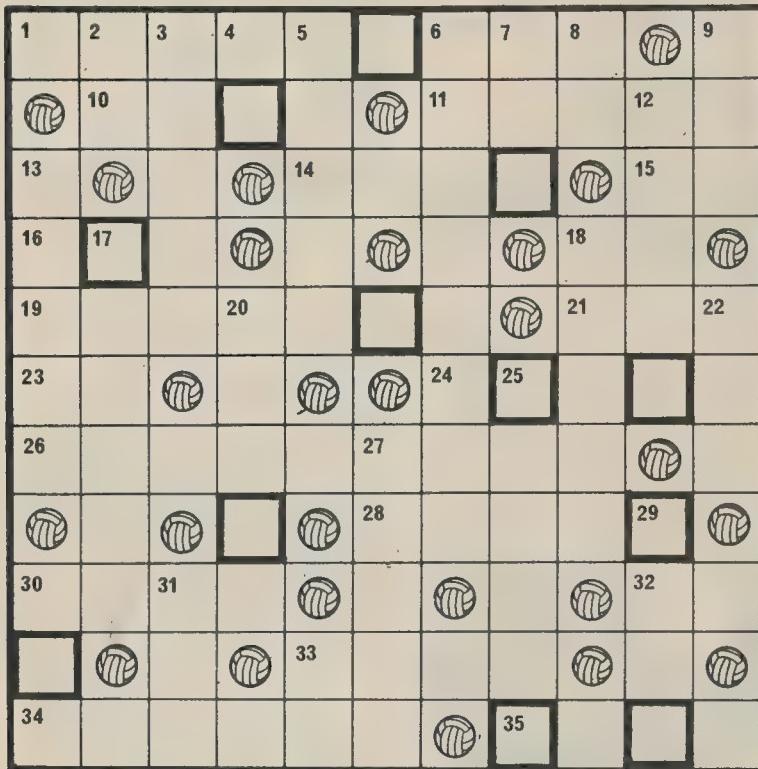
HUTCHISON: I second that. Success is what I would like for my team — and the Midlands.



Action from last season's encounter between West Brom and Coventry at The Hawthorns

Go for the Double

After solving the clues in this specially compiled crossword, you can use the letters in the thick-edged squares to form the name of a Leeds United player. Answers on page 46.



ACROSS:

- (1) The Hatters from Kenilworth Road.
- (10) Painfully tender.
- (11) Millions of pounds are staked on the "Football" ones every year.
- (14) Take four letters from The Potters for a stout line.
- (15) Mickey W-i-h, Queens Park Rangers player.
- (16) David P---h (Southampton). Card from the missing letter.
- (18) K---chen. What completes the surname of a Fulham player?
- (19) Their home is Ibrox Stadium.
- (21) Colour associated with being sent-off!
- (23) Tenn-- Borussia; West German League club.
- (24) C---ent-- C-ty (The Sky Blues). Hard white substance from the emulsions.
- (26) Frank —, Arsenal striker.
- (28) Terry Yorath is the skipper of the — team.
- (30) Smaller quantity or number.
- (32) P---man Road, Ipswich Town.
- (33) The tibia is one.
- (34) The following of Colchester and Peterborough, for instance.
- (35) — City, from Bootham Crescent.

DOWN:

- (2) John Cuth--h of Sheffield United.
- (3) Symbol or gift coupon.
- (4) Dennis --fe (Leicester City). The omissions reversed.
- (5) Sinew or tendon.
- (6) Facing or contrary in position.
- (7) Stan B---l-s (Q.P.R.). Sadness from the missing letters.
- (8) Steve Co-r-y, Sheffield United 'keeper.
- (9) Don M---on of Notts County.
- (12) W. J. S----, "Footballer of the Year", 1959/60.
- (13) Capital of country which staged the 1938 World Cup Finals.
- (17) Tynes----- Park, ground of Heart of Midlothian.
- (18) The —, nickname of Scunthorpe United.
- (20) Yawns like an open goal!
- (22) Take three letters from Derby for a colouring.
- (25) Ball struck hard whilst in the air.
- (27) — Park, home of Blackburn Rovers.
- (29) Jimmy Neig-b--- of Norwich City.
- (30) — Macari, Manchester United midfield player.
- (31) Anton Otułakow--- of Southend.
- (33) Alan Il---y of Cambridge United.

DON REVIE



YOU'D think a signing-on fee of half a million pounds, plus a salary of £3,750 a month, and the security of a five-year contract would be enough to keep most managers happy. But there's a black cloud casting a shadow over Don Revie's comfortable reign among the sands, sheiks and skyscrapers of the United Arab Emirates — the ten-year ban imposed on him by the FA after he walked out on the England team in distasteful circumstances in the middle of a World Cup campaign.

The ban still rankles with Revie, who's rumoured to be the highest-paid manager in the world. He's apparently given up the idea for the moment of taking costly legal proceedings against the FA, and instead seems to be trying to pave the way for a return to England by doing some subtle public relations work.

The press in Madrid, for example, were recently sent an article saying how shabbily the ex-England manager had been treated.

"For three years," Revie is reported to have said: "I led England along the best possible paths to success, and 35 victories and only six defeats is a record that speaks for itself. I'm unhappy about the way I've been treated, although I have the satisfaction of having done my duty to the full and of having given my country everything possible. One simply has to resign oneself to living somewhere where there's at least the hope of living free and far from the 'blade in the heart' of ruthless criticism. How could I fail to resign after the flood of criticism in the Press following our defeat in Italy? It just shows that it doesn't pay to be sincere in this world, and especially in football."

In fact, Revie resigned abruptly seven months after England's defeat in Rome, and an example of his sincerity was that while the England players were flying to Brazil, Revie announced that he was off to watch a European Championship game in Finland — and actually went to negotiate his contract with the Sheiks.

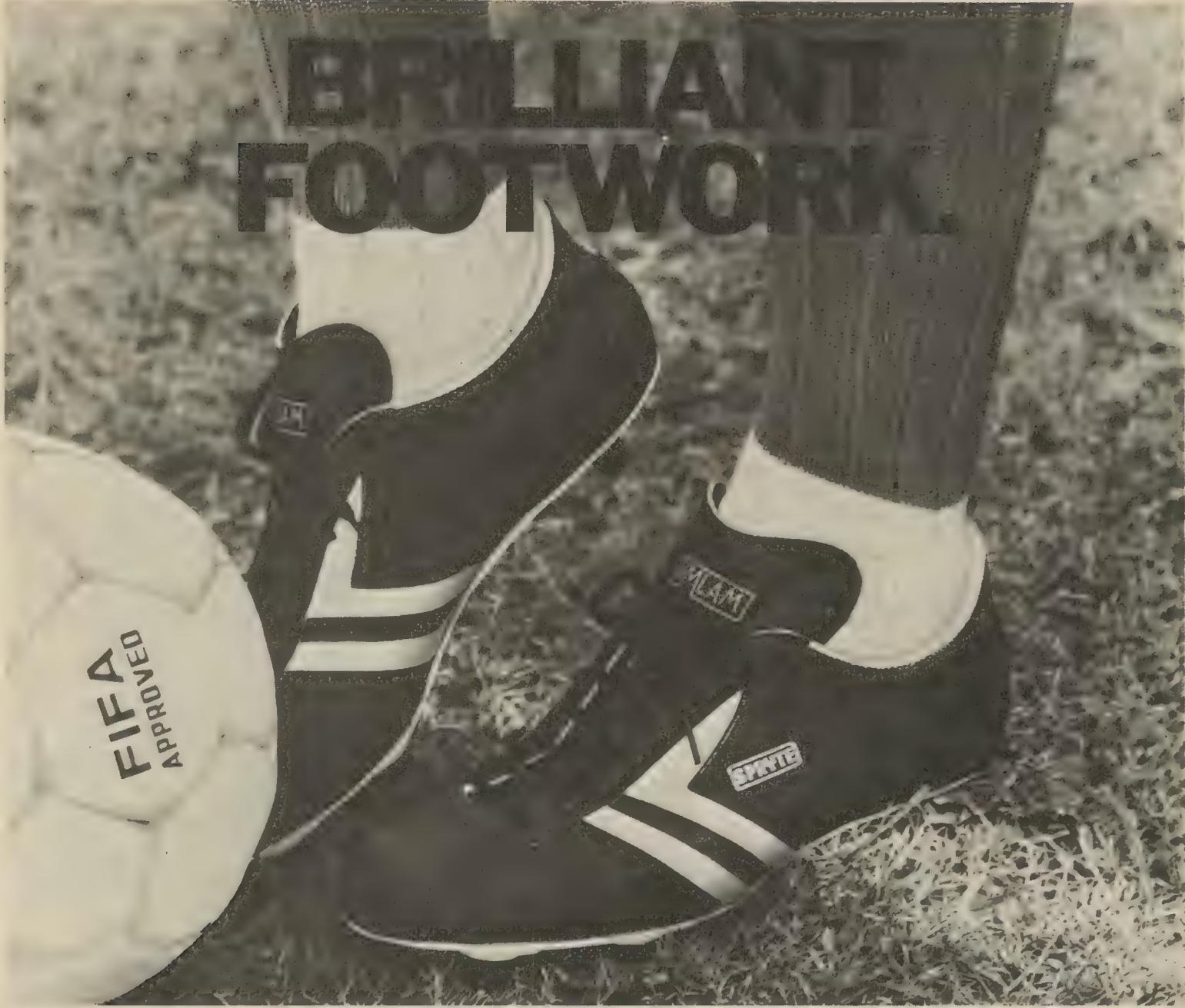
Oddly, after claiming the credit of 35 victories, Revie gives his England team a real slating: "Our national team was a real casualty ward. People forgot that the World Cup Stars of 1966 were finished in 1967 (Martin Peters, for one, will be glad to hear that he was 'finished' twelve years ago) and you can't live on past glories or trophies in a showcase. I don't regret resigning because I want to have some peace and tranquillity at home and a decent life for my family, who felt those wicked lashes from the Press more than I did. How can you work when 100,000 at Wembley are

'Injuries'

Just listen to his description of the ex-England boss: "Pure, stout men with integrity show in their every expression their whole character."

"The English manager has never agreed to throw in the towel against the injustices, but prefers to battle on in the ring where he fought with so much ardour. Don Revie has always had among his many qualities the firm base of kindness and generosity. If he has many sporting and professional virtues, as a man he has even more. His lips have never twisted in a bitter expression, neither with his friends nor with his players."

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SHOOT was on the ball last season when we looked into our crystal ball to join the risky business of making predictions.

It's a thankless task. Things can go horribly wrong during a long, hard season. Teams full of promise can suddenly have an unexpected dip in fortunes, players can move on, managers can be sacked, injuries can take their cruel toll and in those cases predictions can crumble into dust.

However, we weren't that far away last season. We said Celtic had a great chance of winning the Premier Division title if they bought three players... and Billy McNeill signed Davie Provan, Murdo MacLeod and Vic Davidson — and the Championship went to Parkhead!

We said Hearts would be relegated. And they were. We predicted Motherwell could look forward to a good season. We got that wrong! We did say Dundee would win the First Division title... and they did. We also said Dunfermline and Berwick Rangers would come up from the Second Division. We got that right!

Anyway, here we go again with a look at what we think will happen by the end of the season in Scotland. Let's hope **SHOOT**'s crystal ball is still in good working order...

DUNDEE UNITED TO BREAK OLD FIRM GRIP

A PROVINCIAL club will definitely win one of the top domestic honours this season... that is one of our firm predictions.

Celtic and Rangers followers will undoubtedly scoff at that notion, but **SHOOT** believes that one of the ambitious Premier clubs will get their reward come the end of the programme.

Aberdeen, Hibs, Dundee United and St. Mirren have been threatening to break the domination, but so far they have been onlookers at prize-giving day in recent years with the exception of The Dons' triumph in the League Cup three seasons ago.

One of them will make the breakthrough this season. Which one? Let's have a look at each team and its merits.

Aberdeen: They must be getting fed up by coming so close and getting nothing at the end of the day. Two seasons ago, under the guidance of present Celtic manager Billy McNeill, they were beaten 2-1 in the Scottish Cup Final by Rangers and pipped by a point for the Championship by their Ibrox rivals.

Last season, with former Ranger Alex Ferguson stepping in for McNeill, they reached the League Cup Final... and again lost 2-1 to Rangers. They got to the Semifinals of the Scottish Cup and went down 2-1 to Hibs.

Their League form was erratic, though. They could hardly string their results together. One day they would shine brightly, dazzling their opponents with scintillating soccer, but the next they would be a dull, grey side lacking in imagination and ideas.

Alex Ferguson will have to sort out that particular problem. He looks at his side and says: "The potential here is immense. We have some of the best players in the country."

Fergie's words are spoken with great conviction. He's not afraid to praise his team and hit out at them, either. But he undoubtedly rates his side.

Ferguson is now the proud possessor of one of Scotland's most progressive clubs and he is convinced that the rewards are just around the corner.



Dundee United's George Fleming shoots for goal v. Hearts last season.

unstoppable. If he gets good service from the rapidly-maturing Stevie Archibald and the experienced Drew Jarvie, then things could click for Aberdeen.

They could lift either the Scottish Cup or the League Cup, but we doubt whether they will achieve the consistency needed for the League Championship.

Dundee United: They really put their game together last season and they have some gifted individuals in their camp.

They could be the side to put the most pressure on the Old Firm in the Championship stakes.

Manager Jim McLean doesn't hide his great wish of taking that title to Tannadice. Last season they were the early pacemakers, playing balanced, controlled and consistent soccer.

They were scoring goals, too, and that was one of their main failings in the past. Their approach work was entrancing and enchanting, but when the ball was worked into the penalty-area it all went flat.

No one apparently wanted the responsibility of knocking the ball over the line and in the absence of Andy Gray, United stuttered and stumbled. Now young and eager Davie Dodds, one of the old fashioned type of centre-forwards, is solving that particular problem.

Yes, things are looking good for Dundee United and if any club can break the Old Firm's stranglehold on the League title since 1965 it is the team that Jim McLean built.

Hibs: If Eddie Turnbull can keep this side together and get the support from the Edinburgh fans they so richly deserve then the Easter Road side could be on the way to a huge and welcome revival.

They are one of Scotland's proudest clubs with a magnificent history, but it is one of the saddest sights around to look at the barren terraces of Easter Road on match day.

Hibs have marvellous potential. They were so unlucky in the Scottish Cup Final third match against Rangers. They had played very well on rain-lashed Hampden and it was so unfortunate that their Arthur Duncan, a hero in the previous games, put through his own

Will Aberdeen crash through the prize barrier on a consistent level this season? A lot will depend on Mr. Goals Joe Harper again. He is the vital key in their search for success.

When he's on form and scoring goals the Pittodrie side are going

well. "If Joe is not scoring goals then it seems no one is," says Fergie. "That will have to be rectified."

Harper is in his testimonial year and he has promised to make it a memorable one. The goal-thief in this sort of mood is virtually

net for the goal that eventually killed Hibs and took the trophy back to Ibrox.

This season is crucial for Hibs. They have gifted individuals in Ally MacLeod, the playmaker of the side, and Des Bremner, one of the hardest-working players in the game. They have experience in the shape of rugged skipper George Stewart, Arthur Duncan and Jackie McNamara.

They have refreshing young talent in the likes of Steve Brown, Ally Brazil — no relation to the Ipswich Scot of the same name — Gordon Rae and Colin Campbell. Looking through their line-up it is easy to be impressed.

Will this be their season at last? We have a sneaky feeling that a Cup will land at Easter Road by the end of 1979-80. Which one? Possibly the League Cup.

St. Mirren: Last season was their second in the Premier Division and they consolidated their position in fine fashion. Now they are without the flair and individuality of super striker Frank McGarvey — departed to Liverpool in exchange for £300,000 — but manager Jim Clunie has brought in twin strikers Frank McDougall, from Clydebank, and Doug Somner, from Partick Thistle.

That's £240,000 worth of goal-scoring talent and Clunie will certainly be expecting a return for his money. He is likely to get it, although we honestly don't see St. Mirren actually winning anything this time out.

And what about the other sides outside the Old Firm? Partick Thistle are another team who don't attract anything like the crowds their open, fast and attractive play deserves.

Even when they won the League Cup with that never-to-be-forgotten, amazing 4-1 victory over Celtic eight years ago they still didn't stimulate the expected



Will Aberdeen (dark shorts v. Rangers) find the consistency to win the title?

interest at the turnstiles.

It might be easy to lose heart in this atmosphere, but manager Bertie Auld and ambitious, go-ahead chairman Miller Reid are doing everything they can to project a new image of the club. They deserve better, but they are still unlikely to add to their trophy cabinet this season. Sorry about that, Firhill fans!

This season could be one long struggle for Morton, a team who are never easy to beat on their own ground at Cappielow. They escaped relegation last season,

but, alas, we don't think they will survive another season on the tightrope.

Benny Rooney is one of the most knowledgeable young player-managers in the business, but there is no breathing space for himself or his team in the Premier Division and they could be caught this time. If they sell personality man Andy Ritchie their task will be even tougher. And if Andy turns on the style the way he did last term there is no way the scouts will keep away from Cappielow.

Dundee have fought so hard

over the past three years to get into the top flight that it is difficult to see them relinquish their place without a real battle. Their refreshing attitude deserves to be rewarded and it may come in the shape of Premier survival.

That means it is doom again for Kilmarnock, a sweet moving side who like to put the accent on attack with swift, flowing football, but they often pay the price for being adventurous by leaving the back door open.

An attitude like that will be punished with cold professionalism in the Premier and Kilmarnock could slip back into the First Division. We would like to be proved wrong in this prediction, though!

And what about the Old Firm? We'll be looking at them in depth next week but Celtic are getting better and better and a lot will depend upon how last season's title success rubs off on youngsters such as Davie Provan, Murdo MacLeod, George McCluskey, Roy Aitken, Tommy Burns and Mike Conroy.

If Billy McNeill buys yet another two players, two men of quality and class — one for the attack and one for the back-four — then he could succeed in taking that Championship back to Parkhead. We have a notion that at least one trophy will find its way into Celtic's boardroom.

Rangers were bitterly angry last season at failing to retain the League flag. They will be going all out to rectify that and, like Celtic, they have the consistency to win it again, but we feel John Greig will have to buy a couple of players at least to get the side ticking over to the perfection he demands. It won't be a barren season for them, though. They'll win something.

Now let's turn the spotlight on the First Division ...

MOTHERWELL SHOULD SOAR BACK TO TOP FLIGHT

LAST year Motherwell hurtled with death-defying speed amid an avalanche of mediocrity out of the Premier Division and into the First.

The crash of '79 for the Fir Park club was spectacular and unexpected. They were laughed at, sneered at and joked about. Their defence was bombarded by just about every team they faced.

Motherwell are smarting from their abysmal — there is no other word — season. They made mistakes right from the kick-off and eventually they were swept right out of the Division. They paid for those mistakes.

Ally MacLeod, on a £20,000-a-year salary is among the top five highest paid bosses in Scotland and even some managers South of the border must cast an envious eye at that money.

He will be determined to show he is worth the company he keeps in the big money League and the player who can lead Motherwell out of the wilderness and put them

on the right path again is former Alloa striker Willie Irvine.

The boy has class and style. He came into the Motherwell first team last season after the rot had set in and the damage had been done. But even in those trying circumstances he showed up well.

He is good on the ball, uses it well linking up the attack, hitting it wide to either flank. He gets into the box when the opportunity arises and he can score goals out of nothing.

MacLeod did good business in getting Irvine and Bobby Carberry from Alloa for only £25,000 and he will also be looking for big things from his signing from Albion Rovers, striker Billy Clelland. Remember, too, that MacLeod has solved his goalkeeping worries with his £100,000 plus swoop for



Motherwell boss Ally MacLeod.

Ayr United's Hugh Sproat.

We might be putting our head on the chopping block, but that's what this game is all about. We take Motherwell to win the title.

Who goes up with them? Hearts will be in there, of course. They came down with the Fir Park men and they are just as anxious to return again.

However, SHOOT thinks Hearts could do a 'Dundee' and find the First an extremely tough Division. They will be a big name and a lot of teams will be gunning for them. They could struggle to find their rhythm.

Manager Willie Ormond had a clear-out of staff at the end of last season's disappointing programme and the introduction of fresh blood will be welcomed at

Continued overleaf

Tynecastle, but it may take some time before they get into their stride. It could cost them that vital second promotion place.

We are going for Ayr United to go up with Motherwell. Ironically the Somerset Park side are bossed by former Well manager Willie McLean while the Fir Park side have former Ayr boss Ally MacLeod in their hot seat.

Ayr made a late bid last season for promotion and weren't that far away at the end of the day. We tipped them to go up last season and got it wrong. We're giving them a second chance and we're sure they will take it.

Who goes down? That's a difficult question indeed. A lot of clubs are evenly balanced in this department and a lot will probably depend on luck and the bounce of the ball.

St. Johnstone, Raith, Arbroath and newly-promoted Dunfermline could find it tough. Two from this four could fail to escape the trap-door.

Finally our predictions for the Second Division . . .



HAGART WILL BE A WINNER FOR FALKIRK

A CHANGE of manager could bring a change of luck for Falkirk in their fight for promotion out of the Second Division.

SHOOT rated them a good team last season although we thought they would be pipped in the promotion race. We were right then and we think we will be again when we tip them for promotion this time around.

The unfortunate Billy Little, the former Aberdeen and Falkirk managers left the post at the end of the season when they just missed out on First Division soccer. Into his place comes former Hearts boss and Motherwell assistant-manager John Hagart (right).

Hagart is well respected in soccer. He is one of the nice men everyone seems to like, but he would gladly shed that image for a taste of success. He aims to gain his new reputation this season.

He wants to be a winner and Falkirk could find him leading them out of the Second Division. It's going to be a hectic, frantic struggle, but we are certain Hagart and Falkirk will pull through.

Fofar are due a revival and we feel they, too, will have a good season under the guidance on and off the park by player-manager Archie Knox, but we doubt if they have the staying power to climb into that second spot.

Montrose sacked manager Kenny Cameron during their struggle to stay in the First Division, but it was too late and they slipped into the Second.

We expect that stay to be brief. Montrose just couldn't get their game together last season for a variety of reasons, but they still had two top class goalscorers in Gary Murray and Doug Robb.



So, we are taking Falkirk to win the Second Division Championship with Montrose bouncing back up with them. Forfar, who must be fed up with life at the foot of the table, should show a marked improvement and that will undoubtedly bring a smile or two to the faces of their long-suffering fans.

East Fife, too, could have a good season. They failed to achieve any consistency last time out, but if Ken Mackie, scorer of 15 League goals last season, finds the sort of form that had Rangers bidding £50,000 for him while he was a teenager with Dunfermline, then the Fifers will push Falkirk and Montrose all the way for promotion.

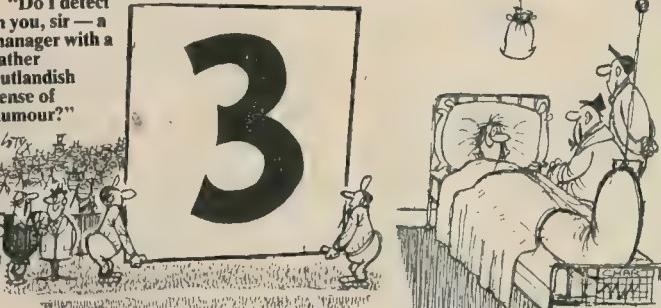
Who is likely to finish at the bottom? Last season Queen's Park and Meadowbank Thistle had that dubious honour. It could happen again this term!

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Aston Villa's Kenny Swain (left)
holds off this challenge from
Tony Powell of Norwich City.

Will Sabella stay with Sheffield United?

Of the three Argentinians who arrived in the English First Division last season, Osvaldo Ardiles was the obvious success story. His Spurs team-mate Ricardo Villa had adaptation problems. And Alberto Tarantini had mixed fortunes in Birmingham City's dramatic plunge into the Second Division.

In the meantime, Alejandro Sabella was having a much less publicised campaign in the lower reaches of the Second Division with Sheffield United and, in his first season, had the misfortune to accompany The Blades into Division Three.

In the close season, with rumours of a transfer to a First Division side in the air, 'Alex' and his wife Viviana (who's expecting their first baby in October) headed back to Buenos Aires to re-visit family and friends. He also took advantage of the break to take stock of his first year in English football, and to compare life in two very different footballing nations.

"FOR a start, I think that what everyone says is true — Argentinian players are superior to the British in terms of skill and ball control. I mean, in Argentina I'm just a typical sort of player — nothing very special. But in England I immediately stood out from the rest, and I was a hit with fans after just three or four games. On the other hand, it took me a while to adapt to the different style of play. I had to do everything faster — that's the main difference that you notice."



Sabella (left) beats Brighton's Paul Clark to the ball.

positions."

In Buenos Aires, there had been rumours that Sabella would return home to play for San Lorenzo. But Alex dismissed this as pure speculation.

"It's more probable that I'll be transferred to a First Division side — or at least to another English club. A lot of people began to ask about my future when we were relegated and, assuming that gate receipts will be lower in the Third Division, they may decide to sell me."

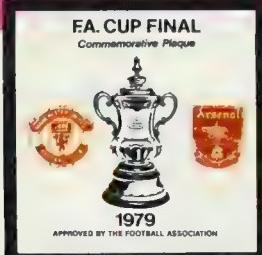
'Not complaining'

"In Argentina, we have the idea that English clubs are all very rich, but that's not true. I mean, I don't think any of the current River Plate team would benefit from a move to England. I've done all right, thanks to my percentage of the transfer fee — but in the Football League you only get five per cent of the deal, so even that isn't as good as in Argentina. We're not complaining, but we're not super-rich either!"

"Of course, in the long-term I want to return to Argentina because all my family and friends are there. We get a bit homesick from time to time, and sometimes I think I must be mad when we have to play on a freezing Wednesday night with snow piled up all around us; not a blade of grass on the pitch; and the ground frozen and as hard as concrete! They tell me it's not like that every winter, so maybe this season will be different."

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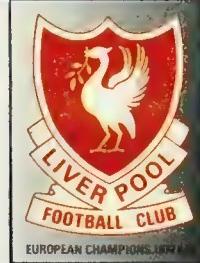
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'Referees should help sell soccer'

IT IS my belief that referees, as an integral part of football, should help sell the game. I'm frequently approached by people when travelling home by train who want to chat about the match they've just seen, or even about some game I've refereed in the past.

On one occasion about 15 Manchester United fans wanted to know why I allowed that Southampton goal in the 1976 Cup Final, which they thought was offside. We had a great discussion in the buffet car and we parted friends, even if they may still have disagreed with me.

Such exercises in public relations help dispel that image of referees as a race apart and unapproachable. Obviously one will sometimes find the supporter who just isn't prepared to discuss or listen to reason, but a little tact and some good-humoured chat invariably ease awkward situations.

I am a great believer in mixing socially with the fans in their Supporters Clubs. They quickly disillusion you if you are complacent about your own performance that day. These people are the lifeblood of the game. They deserve the highest respect and consideration, and personally I've learned a lot from such meetings.

Referees must be prepared to attend charitable functions, where their appearance helps raise funds. My own particular interest is the



Boys Club movement, and though I no longer have any official connection with it, having entered the commercial world, I still do what I can to assist.

Sporting personalities are increasingly in demand for after-dinner speeches, and this provides an ideal opportunity to propagate soccer. I like to give audiences the opportunity of throwing questions at me, and I have had some hilarious moments — especially when Brian Clough and I have shared the same top table.

'Cards deliver the message'

THE universal use of the red and yellow cards makes it much easier for a referee to get his message over to players and spectators alike, especially when he is in a foreign country. Language problems are overcome and players are left in no doubt about the referee's next move if a further offence is committed. The yellow card signifies a caution, and the red, marching orders.

Once, before the introduction of this system, I was involved in an embarrassing incident that might have been avoided by the card system. I was refereeing a local derby between Manchester City and Manchester United at Maine Road on Wednesday 13th March, 1974.

The figure 13 holds no terrors for me — I was appointed Thomas 13 on my referees list in Wales and the number of my home is 13 — but that Maine Road date was jinxed. I had booked Mike Summerbee, City, and Martin Buchan, United. Then Mike Doyle, City, and Lou Macari, United, as I judged,

struck each other.

I ordered them off, but to my amazement they refused and just walked away. When they again refused to go I picked up the ball and left the pitch. Both teams followed. It was the first time such an incident had occurred in the Football League.

In the dressing rooms I told both players they weren't returning. If the card system had been operating then, I don't think the trouble would have occurred.

In the past, spectators often erupted when a man was sent-off, because they weren't aware that the player had already been cautioned for a previous offence. The yellow card demonstrates clearly a first offence, and players must go off for a second caution.

The system aids the media too. One must appreciate that reporters, telephoning running copy on a match, have no opportunity of checking why a man has been sent off. They can make a good guess but, being some distance from an incident, they can be wrong.

'I dreaded playing for Birmingham'

— says Wrexham's STEVE FOX

LOCALE lad Steve Fox always knew he would have to leave Birmingham to make it in the big time. Fox, born in Tamworth, spent three years at Aston Villa and three seasons at Birmingham City.

But as Birmingham slipped towards relegation last season, Fox left to make a fresh start at Wrexham.

They signed midfield man Fox for £90,000. And Fox admits: "It was a good move for me. I wasn't happy or successful at Birmingham and I always thought it was inevitable I'd have to get right away to make progress."

"I have always thought it's harder for local lads to make good with their home town clubs, though I'm not sure why."

"I wasn't happy at Aston Villa; the other youngsters formed a clique and I wasn't in it. I was glad when they chucked me out."

"And Birmingham last season was a disaster. Things just went from bad to worse — and several players just didn't want to play for the club."

Fox admits that he dreaded playing for Birmingham most weeks.

"Many of the other players were of the same frame of mind as things got worse," he said. "We were dreading Saturdays and another roasting — and I just wasn't happy. So when Wrexham came in for me and the money was right, I realised I'd be a mug not to make the move."

"Although I wasn't happy at Birmingham, I must say I wouldn't have gone to many Second Division sides. But Wrexham are different. We're in the Cup-Winners' Cup in the new season through the Welsh Cup, and that means a marvellous opportunity to play against the best players in Europe foot-

ball.

"The potential is enormous at this club. There are several good young players coming along as well as class footballers already in the senior side. I feel sure we can go places."

There were many critics who felt that Wrexham could have been close to the promotion group last season, but for cruel luck. Bad weather hit almost every side in the country; but Wrexham were affected worse than anyone. They didn't play a home League game from the start of December to mid-February, which cost them any chance of a good run last season.

But when they did start again, they found themselves closer to the relegation strugglers than the promotion contenders, even though they had eight games in hand on some sides.

'Inconsistent'

As for Fox, he, too, had something of an erratic spell once he had arrived at the Racecourse Ground. He says: "I had a bad run but started to play better in the last few games. I was a bit inconsistent when I first went there. I played six good games; then had five below-par performances and the boss dropped me."

"It was certainly a shock being transferred for £90,000 and then dropped by my new club. The boss probably did it to buck my ideas up a bit and he was right. I needed a kick up the backside like that to get me going again. I came back and did much better. I was fairly pleased with that form."

Fox is still only 21, despite his three clubs. "I guess I have plenty of time," he says. "I'd like to be more consistent and I'm hopeful Wrexham will do well this season."

EVERY manager in the Football League has been spending the summer wondering how he could improve his team for the new season.

It's the time of the year when more transfer business is done than any other. Especially with the new freedom of contract, more players are probably available than ever before, and naturally every club is trying to pick up a bargain.

Nowhere have there been more sensational changes than at Maine Road where the very heart of a Manchester City side which began last campaign tipped to win honours, has been ripped out.

Gone are Brian Kidd, Asa Hartford, Gary Owen, Dave Watson and Peter Barnes. In come Bobby Shinton from Wrexham, Mick

Robinson from Preston North End, and Steve Mackenzie, a 17-year-old signed for an incredible £250,000 from Crystal Palace.

With Poland's World Cup star Deyna and former England ace Mike Channon now apparently settling down a little better, City will be looking to them to steady the ship.

It should be interesting to see if Malcolm Allison, clearly intent on building his own side, can recapture the flair that once made City under him among the most feared team in the game.

A much less publicised signing — yet one that could be quite important — is that of John Hollins by Arsenal for £75,000.

winner in Munich what the appetite but now we really should see him go at the City Ground.

And with that highly cultured player Asa Hartford sensationally recruited to the cause by Clough, plus the subtle skills of Frankie Gray from Leeds, Forest will again be rooting for honours.

It's astonishing how Liverpool have managed to get the best out of players who were snapped up very quickly and quietly.

Clemence and Keegan were outstanding examples, there was never a better signing than that of Emlyn Hughes from Blackpool. Ray Kennedy was converted from a



Trevor Phillips
(above, who left
Rotherham for
Hull City) could
prove a real
bargain buy.

SENSATIONAL SUMMER SIGNINGS THAT



A surprise summer move was the transfer of Scottish international defender Frank Gray from Leeds to Nottingham Forest.

The 32-year-old Londoner who has served Chelsea and Queens Park Rangers with such aplomb, joins his third capital club at rather a late stage of his career, and yet his considerable assets will not be under-used at Highbury.

Such is Hollins' versatility he will be able to fill in for any defender or midfielder and his experience should prove invaluable.

There have been significant arrivals and departures at West Bromwich, where the hope must be that they can build on last season's vast improvement.

The changes aren't all on the field either. With Colin Addison gone — back into management with Derby County — Ron Atkinson has to find himself a new right-hand man to bring the best out of blossoming talents such as Statham, Regis and Robson.

Gone are Laurie Cunningham, to the sunshine of Madrid, and Len Cantello to the more murky climes of Bolton.

Come are the Manchester City pair Gary Owen, tigerish little midfield man, surely destined to play for England one day, and Peter Barnes, already very much an England player, and a winger of infinite possibility.

Interesting changes and Albion are going to be worth watching with the emphasis very much on attack.

When Trevor Francis became Britain's first £1 million footballer, it was generally agreed we'd have to wait for the 1979-80 season before we saw the real impact of the move.

Well Trevor didn't set off too badly. Half-a-dozen First Division goals, and a European Cup Final

striker to one of the best midfield men in the game, Terry McDermott has flourished beyond recognition, and Phil Neal and Alan Kennedy are better full-backs for coming to Anfield.

Now Frank McGarvey arrives from Scotland in the footsteps of Kenny Dalglish and Alan Hansen, and for £300,000 they expect just as good an investment.

Avi Cohen has also left his beloved Israel to join one of the world's greatest teams and he could be the most interesting foreigner in the game after Ardiles.

Talk of the little Argentine reminds us that the influx from overseas goes on.

Sunderland have followed the lead of neighbours Middlesbrough in going for a Yugoslavian — in their case Bozo Bokato — an international of some repute — and Stoke City have picked up a Dutchman, who, if he does half as well as Muhran and Thijssen for Ipswich,

will be very welcome.

One of the most interesting newcomers to First Division football will be Alan Curtis at Leeds United. Whenever he has played for Wales, Curtis has looked extremely sharp and adept. Now we'll be able to see if he can live up to that promise and indeed improve being surrounded by better players including his Welsh teammates Flynn, Harris and Stevenson.

Terry Donovan hasn't been around quite so long but has done enough for Grimsby to suggest he will be an interesting addition to Aston Villa's squad, while another transfer to catch the eye is that of John Bailey, Blackburn's talented full-back, to Everton.

Without quite the same upheaval as Manchester City, the Goodison club have been just about as busy, and in the past few months several new names have been added to the pay-roll — Bailey, Kidd, Imrie Varadi from Sheffield United, Eastoe, Barton,



West Brom manager Ron Atkinson (centre) with Peter Barnes (right) and Gary Owen signed from Manchester City.

the full-back from Worcester City, and Martin Hodge, goalkeeper from Plymouth. At the same time Mickey Walsh has gone to Queens Park Rangers and David Jones to Coventry. Gordon Lee certainly doesn't believe in letting the grass grow under anyone's feet.

Of course not all the interesting moves in football are restricted to the First Division.

There was a time when Tommy Craig possessed the most educated left foot in the game. Swansea City manager John Toshack will be hoping it has lost none of its potency having paid £150,000 to Villa for Craig's service.

And another Swansea newcomer, full-back David Rushbury from Sheffield Wednesday, where Craig once played, will be eager to show he can compete at a higher level than he's been accustomed to for a year or two. It seems that the Vetch Field club got themselves a real bargain when in July

with 25 goals. Now Houghton believes he's done it again with the acquisition of Trevor Phillips from his own old club Rotherham United. Phillips has been a regular marksman at Millmoor and if Edwards, Phillips and Bruce Bannister all click into gear Hull could be one of the most attractive sides around.

Barnsley player-manager Allan Clarke has bolstered his promotion side in the best possible way — with his old Leeds team-mate Norman Hunter — and there'll certainly be no slacking at Oakwell with these two around.

And not far away at Hillsborough Jackie Charlton, still seeking those elusive glory days again for Sheffield Wednesday, has added to his striking power by signing one-time Manchester City favourite Ian Mellor from Chester.

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they signed the Welsh international John Mahoney for £100,000 from Middlesbrough.

Shrewsbury have done well to hang on to highly rated strikers Paul Maguire and Steve Biggins, subject of numerous inquiries but player-manager Graham Turner knows he needs both if the newly-acquired Second Division status is to be retained — so rather than sell he has bought — going for the experienced Arthur Mann from Notts County.

One of the most parochial transfers is that of Millwall's black midfield man Phil Walker. He's gone the short distance to Charlton Athletic for a record fee of £150,000 and Andy Nelson sees him as the sort of competitor who can put fire into the belly of an Athletic side which wobbled alarmingly in the second-half of last season and was lucky not to be relegated.

Wrexham lost their talented winger Bobby Shinton to Manchester City but hope they've got the perfect replacement in Mick Vinter who's had an outstanding scoring record with Notts County.

In the Third Division Blackburn Rovers have done well to persuade a man of the calibre of Howard Kendall to forsake the chance of a return to the First Division with Stoke, and handle their affairs as player-manager — perhaps he'll be the man to drag the beat out of Duncan McKenzie.

Hull City manager Ken Houghton feels he made the bargain buy of last close season when he snapped up Keith Edwards from Sheffield United. While United were relegated, Edwards rewarded Hull

A newcomer to the First Division is Leeds United's Alan Curtis.



How they finished last season

FIRST DIVISION

	Home	Goals	Away	Goals								
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Liverpool	42	19	2	0	51	4	11	6	4	34	12	68
Nottn. For.	42	11	10	0	34	10	10	8	3	27	16	60
WBA	42	13	5	3	38	15	11	6	4	31	20	59
Everton	42	12	7	2	32	17	5	10	6	20	23	51
Leeds U	42	11	4	6	41	25	7	10	4	29	27	50
Ipswich	42	11	4	6	34	21	9	5	7	29	28	49
Arsenal	42	11	8	2	37	18	6	9	24	30	48	
Aston V	42	9	9	4	37	26	7	7	22	23	46	
Man Utd	42	9	7	5	29	25	6	8	7	31	38	45
Coventry	42	7	3	11	29	3	9	17	39	44		
Tottenham	42	7	8	6	19	25	6	7	8	29	36	41
Middlesbro	42	10	5	6	33	21	5	5	11	24	29	40
Bristol C	42	11	6	4	34	19	4	4	13	13	32	40
Shampton	42	9	10	2	35	26	3	6	12	12	33	40
Man C	42	9	5	7	34	28	4	8	9	24	28	39
Norwich	42	7	10	4	29	19	0	13	8	22	38	37
Bolton	42	10	5	6	36	28	2	5	6	13	18	47
Wolves	42	10	4	7	26	26	3	4	14	18	42	34
Derby Co	42	8	5	8	25	25	2	6	13	19	46	31
QPR	42	9	4	9	24	33	2	4	15	21	40	25
Birmingham	42	5	9	7	24	25	1	1	19	13	39	22
Chelsea	42	3	5	13	23	42	2	5	14	21	50	20

SECOND DIVISION

	Home	Goals	Away	Goals								
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Crystal P	42	12	7	2	30	11	7	12	2	21	13	57
Brighton	42	16	3	2	44	11	7	7	7	28	26	56
Stoke	42	11	7	3	35	15	9	9	3	23	16	56
Sunderland	42	13	3	5	39	19	9	8	4	31	25	55
West Ham	42	12	7	2	46	15	6	7	8	24	24	50
Notts Co	42	8	10	0	32	15	6	6	9	25	45	44
Preston	42	7	11	3	36	23	5	7	9	23	34	42
Newcastle	42	13	3	5	35	24	4	5	12	16	31	42
Cardiff	42	12	5	4	34	23	4	5	12	22	47	42
Fulham	42	10	7	4	35	19	3	8	10	15	28	41
Orient	42	11	5	5	32	18	4	5	12	19	33	40
Cambridge	42	7	10	4	22	15	5	6	10	22	37	40
Burnley	42	11	6	4	31	22	3	6	12	20	40	40
Oldham	42	10	7	4	36	23	3	6	12	16	38	39
Wrexham	42	10	6	5	31	16	2	8	11	14	26	38
Bristol R	42	10	6	5	34	23	4	4	13	12	37	38
Leicester	42	7	8	6	28	23	3	9	9	15	29	37
Luton	42	11	5	5	46	24	2	5	14	14	33	36
Charlton	42	6	8	7	28	28	5	5	11	32	41	35
Sheff. U	42	9	6	5	34	24	2	6	13	18	45	34
Millwall	42	7	4	10	22	29	4	6	11	20	32	32
Blackburn	42	5	8	8	24	29	5	2	14	17	43	30

THIRD DIVISION

	Home	Goals	Away	Goals								
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Shrewsbury	46	14	9	0	36	11	7	10	6	25	30	61
Watford	46	15	5	3	47	22	9	7	7	36	30	60
Swansea	46	16	6	1	57	32	8	6	9	26	29	59
Gillingham	46	15	7	1	39	15	6	10	7	26	27	59
Swindon	46	17	2	4	44	14	8	5	10	30	38	57
Carlisle	46	11	10	2	31	13	4	12	7	22	29	52
Colchester	46	13	9	1	35	19	4	8	11	25	36	51
Exeter	46	14	6	3	38	18	3	9	11	22	35	49
Hull	46	12	9	2	36	14	7	2	14	30	47	49
Brentford	46	14	6	4	5	35	19	5	5	13	18	40
Oxford	46	10	8	5	27	20	4	10	9	17	30	46
Blackpool	46	12	5	6	38	19	6	4	13	23	40	45
Southend	46	11	6	3	30	17	4	9	10	21	32	49
Sheff W	46	9	8	6	30	22	4	11	8	23	31	45
Plymouth	46	11	9	3	40	27	4	5	14	27	41	44
Chester	46	11	9	3	42	21	3	7	13	15	40	44
Rotherham	46	13	3	7	30	23	4	7	12	19	32	44
Mansfield	46	7	11	5	30	24	5	8	10	21	28	43
Bury	46	6	11	6	35	32	5	9	9	24	33	42
Chesterfield	46	10	5	8	35	34	3	9	11	16	31	40
Peterboro	46	8	7	8	26	24	3	7	13	18	39	36
Walsall	46	7	6	10	34	32	3	6	14	22	39	32
Tranmere	46	4	12	7	26	31	2	4	17	19	47	28
Lincoln	46	5	7	11	26	38	2	4	17	15	50	25

FOURTH DIVISION

	Home	Goals	Away	Goals								
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Reading	46	19	3	1	49	8	7	10	6	27	27	65
Grimsby	46	15	5	3	51	23	11	4	8	31	26	61
Wimbldn	46	18	3	2	50	20	7	8	8	26	26	61
Barnsley	46	15	5	3	47	23	9	8	6	26	19	61
Aldershot	46	16	5	2	38	14	4	12	7	25	33	57
Wigan	46	14	5	4	22	24	7	8	8	23	24	55
Newport	46	12	5	6	39	28	9	5	9	27	27	52
Portsmouth	46	13	7	3	35	12	7	5	11	27	36	52
York	46	11	6	6	33	24	7	5	11	18	31	47
Huddersfd	46	13	8	2	32	15	5	3	15	25	38	47
Torquay	46	14	4	5	38	24	5	4	14	20	41	46
Scunthorpe	46	12	3	8	33	20	5	4	10	21	30	45
Hartpold	46	7	12	4	35	28	6	6	11	22	38	44
Hereford	46	12	8	3	35	18	3	5	15	18	35	43
Bradford	46	11	5	7	38	26	6	4	13	24	42	43
Port Vale	46	8	10	5	29	28	6	4	13	28	42	42
Stockport	46	11	5	7	33	21	3	7	13	25	39	40
Bournmouth	46	11	6	4	34	20	5	6	10	29	39	39

OVER the past couple of weeks, the question everyone's been asking is who will be the 1979/80 Champions? The first side that springs to mind is Liverpool, inevitably, who will certainly be there or thereabouts.

I think it'll be harder for them this season than last for two reasons. Firstly, one or two of the sides who finished below them last time will push The Reds even closer; and because of their record-breaking title win, opponents will be keener than ever to beat the "unbeatables".

Year after year we wonder if Liverpool can possibly motivate themselves again, but they always do. I can see an extra edge of professionalism just watching Ray Clemence and the other Liverpool lads in the England squad.

In my view, Liverpool are the best team in Europe on a two-leg basis and no one is better equipped for European Cup soccer than them. Forest fans will disagree, of course, especially as Forest beat Liverpool in the European Cup a year ago.

Only another British team could have done that and if they are kept apart by the draw, the two English representatives could meet in the Final next May.

Liverpool always seem to manage a vital away goal, and Ray Clemence has said to me that even if they lose 2-0 away they don't worry as Continentals are always scared of playing at Anfield.

I expect Arsenal to be a main contender this year. The experience of last season will stand them in good stead and I rate John Hollins as one of the shrewdest buys in ages.

I played alongside John for Chelsea and he'll be worth every penny of his £75,000 fee for his dressing-room chat alone. The Gunners' squad is a bit thin for European games, but John will give them extra cover.

John would have been a good buy for Chelsea. He still has plenty to offer and certainly won't be content with the number 12 shirt, as some people think he will. He can play in defence or midfield — yes, Terry Neill has spent wisely.

Forest will obviously be up there again. Asa Hartford is one of the best midfield players in the country and I've never seen him play badly for Manchester City against

Chelsea.

Trevor Francis will come more into his own when he returns from Detroit. We haven't seen the best of Trev for Forest yet, I'm sure.

Regular readers will know I'm a big admirer of Gary Owen and West Brom got themselves a real bargain from Manchester City when they bought Gary for £450,000. He will give them extra vision in midfield, playing alongside Bryan Robson and Tony Brown. Bomber gets better each year. I think he's 33 now, yet has added half a yard to his game every season.

Having sold Laurie Cunningham, Peter Barnes was the natural replacement. I roomed with Peter on the England tour and even after

RAY WILKINS
Writes for you

ten days I still wasn't sure whether he wanted to leave Maine Road or not! The challenge presented by West Brom should bring out the best in him — and that is very good indeed.

West Brom's unsung heroes are their centre-backs John Wile and Alistair Robertson, while up-front Ally Brown gets a lot of goals, but not always praise.

Every club is under pressure to do well, but none more so than Manchester City. They have sold almost half their side and have replaced big-name stars with lesser known players. I know they'll miss Dave Watson, the best centre-half I've ever seen. Any team would.

I was surprised Malcolm Allison went back to City; having gone back, it wasn't so much of a shock when he was made manager. It will certainly be an interesting season for all at Maine Road.

'HARDER FOR



"Forest and Liverpool will be leading the title-chasers again in 1979/80."

and off the park, too, they're a handful. They were for one journalist during a plane journey this summer.

They rigged up a £1 note attached to a very thin piece of cotton and when the reporter bent over to pick it up, they tugged the cotton and the poor old journalist didn't know what was happening!

I can see Terry Venables' influence in the Palace team. All the players want to play football in the true sense. I keep expecting John

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Own-goals

What's the highest number of own-goals any side has conceded in a single game?

ANDREW HARVEY,
ASCOT

• World wide, Andrew, I'm afraid I just haven't a clue — but I reckon three is the record as far as the Football League is concerned.

Two clubs share that unenviable record — and oddly enough, both gave away their "hat-tricks" as Christmas presents.

West Bromwich had the benefit of three own-goals when they beat Sheffield Wednesday 5-4 in the First Division on Boxing Day 1952, and so did Carlisle when they beat Rochdale 7-2 in the old Third Division (North) on Christmas Day 1954.

Billy Liddell

My Dad's got an autograph of Billy Liddell, who used to play for Liverpool long before I was born. Was he famous?

KEITH NORTON,
CHESHIRE

• Not half, Keith. In fact, so prominent a player was he that his team even got nicknamed "Liddellpool"!

Due to the War, he wasn't able to make his League debut for Liverpool — his only top club — until 1946, when he was already 24.

After that, though, he soon became one of the most feared attackers of his day — and by the time he retired, had scored 216 goals in his 492 League games for Liverpool.

During that time, Liddell gained a League Championship medal in 1946-47, an F.A. Cup runners-up medal three

seasons later, and also played in 28 full internationals for Scotland.

He was originally signed as a lad on the recommendation of Sir Matt Busby, then a Liverpool player, and his first wage packet was £3. What he'd earn if he was playing in Paisley's Liverpool of 1979 makes the mind boggle!

Birthday win

I was born on 1st October, 1966 — and would like to know how Chelsea fared on that Saturday?

DAVID BOWDEN,
TONBRIDGE

• Did rather nicely, David — with a convincing 4-1 First Division win over Manchester City at Maine Road.

Altogether it was quite a good season for Chelsea — reaching the F.A. Cup Final at the end of it.

LIVERPOOL THIS TIME'



ABOVE . . . "With Peter Barnes, who has moved to West Brom."

BELOW . . . "John Hollins (with David O'Leary) will be a valuable asset to Arsenal."

add to the transfer situation (I wrote about it two weeks ago) but while I'm at the club I'll do all I can to help them.

With any luck Davie Hay will be back, fit again. We missed him more than anyone last season.

Davie can play either in defence or midfield and adds bite to the side. Also he is one of our most experienced players and in this respect the Scot was sorely missed last season. Davie has been away from the action for a while but he has shown the determination necessary to get back quickly.

I hope our younger players have learnt from 1978/79. An experience like that sorts out the men from the boys. It's been said Chelsea need two seasons in the Second Division to reorganise and "find themselves" again. I disagree. The players should be professional enough to maintain any promotion, although the immediate aim is sim-

ply to start winning a few games.

The crowd were good last season, especially The Shed, even if they had a go at one or two players. We need their support to help us in our climb back to the top flight.

I hope it'll be a good season for England. I'm confident we'll reach the Quarter-Finals of the European Championship and that will give a boost to the entire League. Our first game of the campaign is in mid-September against Denmark and I'll talk about that nearer the time.

See you in two weeks,

Fayneut 27



Burridge to come out of goal and show us what he can do! Gerry Francis's experience should boost the young Palace side, too.

And Chelsea? It'll take a lot of hard work for us to get back to Division One. Because we're Chelsea, people will look to us to make a speedy return. We're not kidding ourselves it'll be easy.

I feel we need one or two new players to strengthen the squad, but money isn't available unless they sell me. There is nothing more I can

England team

Can you tell me the England line-up when Scotland were beaten 9-3 at Wembley?

STUART WEST,
BRIGHTON

• It was on 15th April, 1961, Stuart and this was England's team — Ron Springett (Sheffield Wed.), Jimmy Armfield (Blackpool), Mick McNeil (Middlesbrough), Bobby Robson (West Bromwich), Peter Swan (Sheffield Wed.), Ron Flowers (Wolves), Bryan Douglas (Blackburn), Jimmy Greaves (Chelsea), Bobby Smith (Spurs), Johnny Haynes (Fulham), capt., Bobby Charlton (Manchester Utd.).

England's nine goals came from Robson, Greaves (three), Douglas, Smith (two), and Haynes (two) — Scotland replying through Mackay, Wilson, and

Q&A

1960-61, incidentally, was quite a season for England's strike force — also beating Luxembourg 9-0, Mexico 8-0, Wales 5-1, Northern Ireland 5-2, Spain 4-2, and Italy 3-2. Only setback was a 1-3 defeat in Austria, while there was also a 1-1 draw in Portugal.

Swansea City

As a great fan of Swansea City, I'd like to know when they were founded, the result of their first League game, and their best win and worst defeat.

FRANS BERG,
HOLLAND

• I'm sure you were glad when Swansea got promoted again at the end of last season, Frans.

It was 79 years earlier that the club was founded — but they didn't become

members of the Football League until the Third Division was started in 1920.

Their first League game was a 3-0 defeat at Portsmouth on 28th August that year.

Swansea's record win is an 8-0 beating of Hartlepools, in Division Four, on 1st April, 1978; their worst defeat being by 8-1 at Fulham, in Division Two, on 22nd January, 1938.

SHORT PASSES

• Chilean brothers George and Ted Robledo played in the Newcastle side which beat Arsenal 1-0 in the 1952 F.A. Cup Final — George scoring the only goal.

(RICHARD GREEN, Huddersfield)

• Most goals scored by a club in a single season in the First Division is 128 — Aston Villa in 1930-31.

(RICHARD KENYON, Leeds)

• Larry Lloyd played three full internationals for England; all at Wembley — 0-0 v. Wales (May, 1971), 1-1 v. Switzerland (November, 1971) and 0-1 v. Northern Ireland (May, 1972).

(IAN BENDELAW, South Norwood)

• Alan Taylor scored both West Ham goals in their 1975 F.A. Cup Final 2-0 win over Fulham.

(MATTHEW VINE, London E.C.D.)

• Wrexham, founded in 1873, are the oldest Welsh club; Cardiff were founded in 1899.

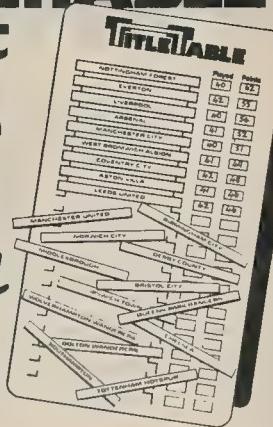
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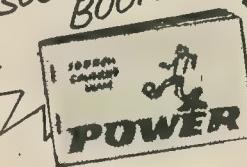
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The £2000 kid who's outshone Trevor Francis

A LITTLE bit of nepotism may have got Keith Furphy started on his American career.

But the 20-year-old Detroit striker has proved since that he is more than capable of standing on his own feet.

He has outshone even Trevor Francis in the penalty-area this season for a record 13 goals and five assists that make him the fifth highest scorer in the American Conference.

Yet Furphy would never have joined the Express if his father Ken, the team's coach, hadn't shelled out £2,000 to buy his contract from Southern League Wealdstone.

That was around 18 months ago, when the Express visited England for a few training sessions at Bisham Abbey.

Explains Furphy senior: "I went to see Keith play a few times and was very impressed with him. He'd filled out a bit, was more aggressive."

Soccer in the STATES

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Get Stuck In!

NO ONE can say the Cosmos aren't fighting fit these days. The players were practising in Giants Stadium recently when a group of workmen on the terraces started to jeer them.

Led by Giorgio Chinaglia, a group of the players stormed into the stands and got stuck into their detractors. Three of the workmen ended up in hospital. The Cosmos players only complained of wounded pride.

Giorgio Chinaglia's goalscoring performances this season have allowed him to take over as the all-time leading scorer among players still active in the NASL.

Chinaglia has 89 goals and 34 assists, which edges him in front of Paul Child, the former Aston Villa striker who was top dog at the start of the summer.

The New York player could be the top NASL scorer ever by the end of the season. At the moment, that honour is held by Yugoslav Ilija Mitic, who is the only player to

sive on and off the ball, and was very quick.

"I was ready to sign him on the spot, but Wealdstone wouldn't release him to play for us in the summer. In the end, I bought out his contract myself and brought him to the States as a member of the family."

"It was a gamble, I'll admit. But I was sure of his ability and confident that he could help us."

Keith did so well that Detroit reimbursed his dad after two months of the season. But, says Ken, "Even if they hadn't, it would have been a bargain."

Keith finished second behind Francis on the Express scoring list last summer with 11 goals and 12 assists. And five of those goals were game winners.

This summer, he's outscoring both Francis and goal-king Ted MacDougall as the club make their challenge for the playoffs.

It doesn't even worry the young striker that the fans at the Pontiac Silverdome — Detroit's home ground — still like to boo him.

He says: "There's a player on every team who gets picked on by the fans. It just happens that I'm it on the Express."

"Naturally, I would like them to cheer me now and again but the booing is going to make a better player of me because I'm learning to ignore it and play my own game, regardless."

"As long as my team-mates and the knowledgeable fans continue

top 100 goals in the States."

Mitic, the former San Jose player who retired at the end of last season, scored 101 times and collected 37 assists for a grand total of 239 points.

Chinaglia needs just 28 more scoring points to overhaul that record and prove what he's always believed — that he is the greatest thing ever to happen to soccer in the U.S.

Selfish Robb

FRANK WORTHINGTON has been frustrated with the play of his team-mates at Philadelphia Fury this summer.

And the player who has exasperated him most is Davie Robb, the former Aberdeen and Norwich striker who leads the American Conference scoring.

Says Worthington: "I've got to give him credit for getting the goals but to me, he's a very bad player. And the most selfish player I've ever come across."



Keith Furphy (number 8) scored 11 goals and 12 assists last summer for Detroit Express.

to appreciate my abilities, I'll be happy."

There's no doubt that the other players, including Francis, acknowledge the talent of young Furphy. His performances this season have kept the team in the running for the playoffs, even when it looked doubtful that they would make it.

As well as tucking away half-chances in the box, he's done a tremendous amount of work to help out colleagues and make chances for other players.

"If anything," says Ken Furphy, "he does too much running. He covers an amazing amount of ground."

"He has to learn to pick his spots

and make the running count. But all that will come with experience."

"People often ask me if I feel any differently when Keith, rather than one of the other players is on the ball. Well, being my son, it obviously gives me a little extra pleasure when he does something spectacular."

"But I have a close relationship with all my players. It was my judgment that brought them here and I want them all to do well."

"I think we have a special bunch of players. They're talented, they work hard and above all, every one is a team player."

"I suppose you could say that we're just one big happy family."

"The fellow just never gives you the ball. Really, it's impossible for me to play with him."

Despite being the best of enemies on the field, Worthy says they get on well when they're not playing.

He says: "Davie's a nice lad. I'd like him even more if I didn't have to play with him every week."

Worthington will be back in Bolton's colours this winter but plans to go to the States again next summer — maybe for good.

NASL standings

National Conference							American Conference							
Eastern Division							Central Division							
GP	W	L	GF	GA	BP	TP	GP	W	L	GF	GA	BP	TP	
New York	22	16	6	54	38	50	Tampa Bay	23	17	6	53	28	43	145
Washington	22	15	7	48	30	43	Ft Lauderdale	22	13	9	52	42	46	124
Toronto	24	12	12	39	46	38	New England	23	10	13	32	39	29	89
Rochester	22	9	13	27	45	27	Philadelphia	22	7	15	39	45	38	80
Minnesota	23	18	5	54	35	49	Central Division							
Tulsa	23	11	12	49	43	43	Houston	22	17	5	45	33	40	142
Dallas	22	12	10	36	34	35	Chicago	22	12	10	54	49	47	119
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							San Jose	22	6	16	33	50	30	66
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(*Total Points:— Win — 6 Pts., Loss — 0 Pts., Bonus Points:— One point is awarded for each goal scored up to a maximum of three per team per game.)

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Quiz Time



1. John Mahoney was transferred to which club from Middlesbrough for £100,000?

2. Bristol Rovers smashed their transfer record when they paid a similar sum to secure the services of which Second Division player?

3. What was so significant about Hugh Cheetham's transfer from Crewe Alexandra to Reading for £25,000?

4. Which two stars at Derby County agreed to stay with manager Colin Addison despite a £400,000 combined offer from former boss Tommy Docherty, now in charge at Q.P.R.?

5. Peter Allen (far right), 32-year-old Millwall midfield player, was told recently to quit the game because of a knee injury. Which other London club did he play for?

6. Why did Bob Lee's (below) proposed transfer from Sunderland to Leeds United fall through?

7. Ipswich Town transfer listed David Geddis at £100,000, £200,000 or £300,000?

8. Liverpool announced plans recently that they were being sponsored. Which world renowned company will appear on their shirts this season?



9. Manchester City signed Dragoslav Stepanovic for £150,000 from which country?

10. Another foreigner who joined the Football League recently was Argentinian Pedro Verde. Did he join Sheffield United, Sheffield Wednesday or Southend United?

11. Emlyn Hughes moved from Liverpool to Wolves for an estimated fee of £70,000, £80,000 or £90,000?

12. Which Scottish club plays at Kilbowie Park?

13. Danny Bowers, the former Stoke City player, will be playing for Chester, Chesterfield or Crewe this season?

14. John Bailey had his transfer fee from Blackburn to Everton cut from £350,000 to £100,000, £200,000 or £300,000 by a tribunal?

15. In September England are due to play which country in a European Championship tie at Wembley?

ANSWERS:

1. Swanser. 2. Birmingham. 3. It was a club record. 4. Gordon Hill and Steve Swindler. 5. Orient. 6. He failed a medical. 7. £300,000. 8. Hibernian. 9. Yugoslavia. 10. Sheffield United. 11. Wick. 12. Clydesdale Bank. 13. Crewe. 14. £200,000. 15. Denmark.

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WHEN Sir Alf Ramsey first introduced Alan Ball into the England side he was shaping for eventual World Cup success in 1966, not everyone was as convinced as Ramsey that the flame-haired little terrier was true international material.

Yet Ball went on to justify every ounce of faith placed in him.

Through his ten years and 72 match international career, he never let his country down.

More often than not Ball's enthusiasm, determination and character was a major driving force behind the team.

Consequently, when the little man faded from the international scene, it left a formidable gap to be filled.

But now it looks as if Ron Greenwood has discovered the natural successor to Ball in Manchester United's Steve Coppell, who is fast becoming England's new Mr Perpetual Motion.

Apart from their similar, all-action styles, and the fact they are almost exactly the same in height and weight, like Ball, Coppell's introduction to the senior side in 1978 received a somewhat guarded reception in footballing circles.

Up to then he had been operating as an orthodox right-winger for his club, Manchester United. But the perceptive Greenwood obviously saw the possibility of playing him in a role where he would become far more involved in the game — and therefore have a far greater and lasting influence on it.

In old-fashioned terms, Coppell has begun to perform as a right-half in Greenwood's England side — operating in the middle of the

pitch alongside Trevor Brooking and Ray Wilkins.

He still has the freedom to push forward when the situation demands it, but now his responsibilities also include setting the attacking moves in motion, as well as helping out at the back.

A real jack-of-all trades in fact. Just as Ball was.

Coppell has an interesting description for himself.

"I think of myself as the thermometer man in the England team," he says. "I'm up in attack when we're on the boil — then

back in defence when the pressure's on."

"Kevin Keegan said I'd need about ten games to settle into the side. Well, I've had those now, and more, and I'm very happy with my progress."

"I'm particularly pleased with the way that I've been getting into the box, following up and nicking six-yard goals," Steve continues.

And with good reason, too, when you realise he has run neck and neck with Keegan himself in the England goal-getting stakes over the last half-dozen games.

No wonder Greenwood describes him as "a tremendous team player." And freely admits: "Steve is one of the first names I

pencil in when selecting England sides."

"I've always been convinced about him," adds Greenwood, with smug satisfaction, "even though others weren't."

The one area where Coppell does differ from Ball, though, is in temperament.

In his younger days Alan was as fiery as his red hair, and it often got him into trouble with officialdom.

Coppell displays a much cooler approach to matters. Turning away from trouble when it presents itself, quite content to get on with his game.

That doesn't mean he's any less of a terrier than Ball, though. You've only got to look at the determination written all over his face when he plays, to see he only has one objective in mind — to be a winner.

He may not be as vocal as Ball, either, but the example he sets with his tireless running and never-say-die attitude evokes the same kind of response from those around him.

Off the field Coppell's happy-go-lucky manner makes him a very popular character with his England team-mates.

On it, they value his presence just as highly.

In less than two years Steve has clearly become a cornerstone of Greenwood's new England side.

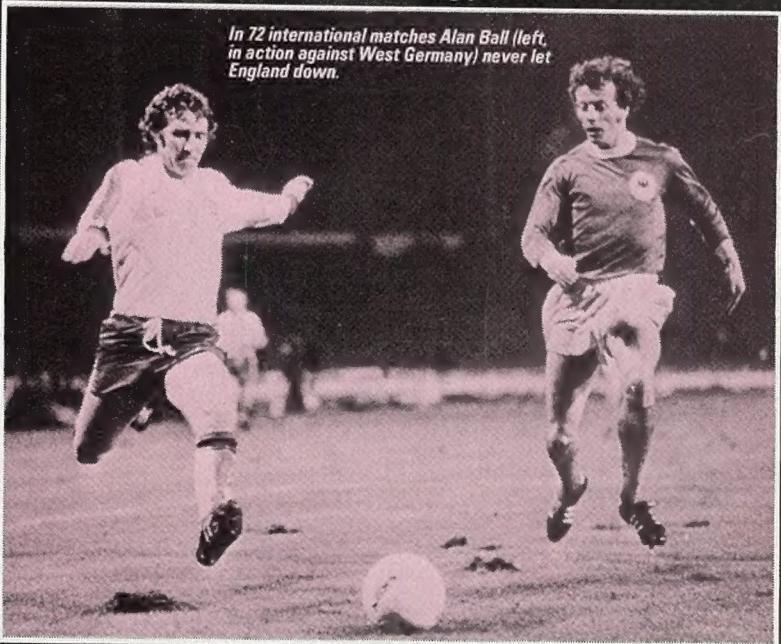
His exciting performances on the close-season tour helped allay his own fears concerning his stamina — obviously vital to his particular style of play.

"At home I've never been keen on playing when it's hot," he says. "But it was in the 90's when we played in Sofia and Vienna, and it never affected me. So I'll be full of confidence if we get to Italy and the European Championship Finals."

That's good news indeed. And if Ron Greenwood is a believer in omens — and most football people are, whether they admit it or not — then he must be hoping that what success Ramsey achieved with Alan Ball in his side to help pull the strings, he can emulate with Steve Coppell, playing just as important a role.

STEVE COPPELL — England's new

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In 72 international matches Alan Ball (left, in action against West Germany) never let England down.





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